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British Forces Invade Libya, Following Fleeing Foes

ITALIAN ARMY BADLY BROKEN CLAIM BRITISH

Egypt About Cleared Of Duce's Men

By The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — The Italian African army, broken into bits, harassed by unending air attack and declared here to have been effectively driven from Egypt, fought "on and about" its own colonial frontier of Libya Saturday night in an action that had become a defense of Fascist soil.

The term "on and about" was used by the British command itself in an official communique which did not add the obvious implication the apparent purpose of trying to destroy the entire Fascist force.

Libya Invaded

While no military authority would discuss future British plans, it was indicated that at some points fighting already was going on within Libya.

One informant pointed out that the question of supplies and particularly water was a dominant one and said that a continuation of the British offensive probably would involve an effort to try to restrict the fighting generally to the hill regions beyond the Libyan borders.

An aspect of the future situation, he declared, was that the Italians would be seriously hampered by the loss of huge amounts of equipment, which British control of the Mediterranean would make exceedingly difficult of replacement.

The action in Egypt itself, as summarized by general headquarters, was simply one of "clearance" —a process of rounding up the stray Fascist units still in the country.

Defeat Called "Rout"

The Italian defeat was called a "Rout" by the British command.

As always, there was no definite figure as to the number of prison-

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SABOTAGE LAW CHANGE ASKED

Officials Powerless Now, Says Chief

WASHINGTON— (AP) —Attorney General Jackson said Saturday the federal government was powerless under existing laws to act against sabotage on airplanes being manufactured for foreign governments or private industry.

In a lettter to Representative Voorhis (D-Calif) of the Dies committee on un-American activities, Jackson referred to assertions by the committee that six acts of sabotage had been committed on an airplane manufactured for the British government at an unnamed Pacific Coast plant.

New Law Slated

Voorhis said Saturday night he hoped to introduce legislation within the next few days to correct the situation mentioned by the attorney general. He said the legislation probably would be the mere insertion of language into the defense act to extend to the FBI power to investigate sabotage on goods intended for interstate and foreign commerce.

The accusations of sabotage on the airplane were contained in a file of the Dies committee turned over to the justice department.

Spain Cleans Camps

MADRID —(AP)— All prisoners in concentration camps who were sentenced to terms of six months or less have been ordered released by the government.

Willkie Flunks Politics In Electoral College Says Gridiron Club, Ribbing Defeated Candidates At Meet

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Gridiron Club's winter dinner Saturday night poked fun at its own members of both political parties and a few assorted victims, and closed on a distinctly patriotic note of national unity.

The dinner marked the completion of the presidential term of Mark Foote, Washington correspondent of the Booth Newspapers of Michigan. Harold Brayman of the Houston Chronicle succeeded to the presidency.

President Foote referred to the absence of President Roosevelt, his first during his two terms, in his introductory remarks.

"On one thing," Foote said, "there is no division in America. We are beating our plowshares into swords and training our boys to be soldiers for defense and we mean business. In this we stand united.

"Through it all we can still laugh in America. Just ahead of us is a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and Much Heavier Taxes."

The two speeches of the evening, off the records in the tradition of the dinner, were made by two defeated candidates, Wendell Willkie, unsuccessful Republican aspirant for the presidency, and Henry F. Ashurst, who failed to retain his seat as a Democratic senator from Arizona. A parody of "Empty Saddles In the Old Corral" marked the introduction of Senator Ashurst.

National defense, the national defense advisory commission, the army and navy high commands, investigating committees and

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WET NORTHER VALLEY SHARE OF COLD WAVE

Ice Blankets Most Of Texas

HARLINGEN — Cold rains and fog blanketed most of Texas Saturday night, and added to ice which glazed the Texas Panhandle and most of Oklahoma. In the Valley, a day long drizzle turned into steady rain after nightfall, with such widely separated points as McAllen, Harlingen and Brownsville reporting heavy fall, accompanied by electrical display.

Cloudy weather with occasional rain or drizzle, and not much change in temperature, is the forecast in the Valley for Sunday, with a similar forecast for Monday with addition of predicted northerly winds. At Brownsville Saturday, small range in temperature was reported, with the low at 59 degrees and the highest reading 65 degrees.

Cold Wave General

Meanwhile, Associated Press dispatches revealed Saturday that the ice sheet extended south into the state past Lubbock and east beyond Wichita Falls. Temperatures ranged from 20 degrees at Amarillo to the thirties in northeast Texas and the sixties along the coast.

Plane flights were cancelled and traffic crawled over slick highways. Grady Durbin of Pecos was killed in a car wreck on an icy pavement near Sweetwater. Tom McNeil, 27, and Sterling Elmore, 30, were killed late Friday night in a car collision near their home in Brownfield. Numerous minor accidents were reported.

The flooding Sabine river spread over lowlands along the Texas-Louisiana border for a second time in three weeks. Most sections of

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Twins Oppose Each Other In Election

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—(AP)—Frank and Harry Kilbane, 35-year-old twins, obtained petitions Saturday to run for mayor in the February 25 primary on opposing tickets.

Frank will file as a Democrat and Harry as a Republican.

Hug-Coast Highway History, Opening In Today's Big Paper

Tuesday, December 17, the Hug-the-Coast Highway will open officially with an elaborate celebration in Raymond-This event marks the end of a 27-year fight for a road through Kenedy highway to shorten the distance between the Lower Valley and upstate points.

Today's Star-Monitor-Herald prints six pages of stories and pictures giving the history of the long battle and details of the coming celebration. Turn to pages 9 to 14 inclusive.

GIRL PLAYS OUT THESPIAN ROLE; DIES OF INJURY

CINCINNATI, Ia. —(AP)— The shadow of death lay across the high school auditorium stage here last night as 15-year-old Shirley Joan Hall walked on, but she played out her role in the age-old tradition of the theater.

Just before first curtain at the school play, Shirley, who had a leading part, fell down a flight of nine steps leading to the girls' dressing room. Laid tenderly on a cot by fellow thespians, she cried a little, but when her call came she went on and played her role well.

At home, she developed a severe headache, lapsed into unconsciousness. Her parents rushed her to a hospital, where she died of a skull fracture.

ROME DENIES PEACE OFFER

Refuse To Admit Any African Defeat

By The Associated Press

ROME — The Italians announced to the world Saturday through the Rome radio that "no peace offer will ever be forthcoming from Italy," and refused to acknowledge defeat in Africa.

The high commands daily communique asserted Fascist counter-attacks had "slowed up enemy pressure" in Egypt, but laid no further claims to success in the field, and authoritative commentators took the line that what was happening in the desert was a long way from any decision.

They spoke of it as an action still raging over a vast area and described the British force as enormous.

It was observed that the outcome of the struggle appeared to depend on the ability of the two armies to maneuver and to keep supplied with the essentials of war.

Writing in Il Giornale D'Italia, and speaking the government's views, Virginio Gayda asserted the results of the battle could be measured only weeks and months from now.

Both Egypt and Greece, he declared, were mere episodes to Italy and her attacking power has not been exhausted.

Rochester Clinics To Battle Disease

ROCHESTER, N. Y. —(AP)— The city health bureau announced Saturday two clinics would remain open Sunday for inoculation against typhoid fever, feared spread through city water by inadvertent admission of untreated Genesee river water into the mains.

Five clinics were open Saturday, and Dr. Arthur M. Johnson, city health officer, said "hundreds" were submitting voluntarily to the first of three typhoid vaccine shots necessary to immunity.

6 MILLION TO GET NEW JOBS IN NEW YEAR

Employment Increase Seen By Experts

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Twentieth Century Fund, an institute devoted to economic research, predicted Saturday that national employment would increase approximately 6,000,000 by the fall of 1942.

In a report surveying labor policy under the defense program, the fund said that "labor shortages can exist in certain localities or trades in spite of considerable unemployment in other areas."

Aircraft Men Needed

Acute shortages of aircraft supervisors, specialized shipyard craftsmen and tool and instrument makers were cited as current examples by the research staff, which is headed by Prof. Lloyd G. Reynolds of John Hopkins University.

Such specific conditions should not obscure the labor picture as a whole, the report said, adding:

"It would certainly be wrong to conclude that all employable workers will have jobs by the end of 1942 . . . Many of the unemployed will not be absorbed because they re in the wrong places or the wrong occupations, and there may well be unemployment of 2,000,000 or more even at the peak of defense production."

Solution Offered

To help remedy the skilled labor shortage, the report proposed, the "drastic expedient of breaking down production processes into simpler elements, which can be performed by workers with only a few months' training."

FD SATISFIED WITH BASES IN DEFENSE AREA

Personal Inspection Trip Is Ended

ABOARD ROOSEVELT TRAIN En Route to Warm Spring, Ga.—(AP) —President Roosevelt ended a cruise over nearly 4,000 miles of the Caribbean and Atlantic Saturday, assured by a personal inspection that sites for American defense bases in Jamaica, St. Lucia and Antigua were satisfactory, but skeptical about facilities in the Bahamas.

Pointing up evidence of Anglo-American friendship, the cruise took the president into the waters of a belligerent power for the first time since the current conflict began in Europe. He paused at more than half a dozen British islands, and also at the French island of Martinique.

Tanned By Trip

Mr. Roosevelt came ashore from the cruiser Tuscaloosa at the Charleston, S. C., navy yard Saturday afternoon, tanned by a tropical sun and salt-laden breezes, after 12 days at sea.

Immediately, he left by special train for Warm Springs, Ga., to spend Sunday at the Foundation for Infantile Paralysis victims and then return to Washington Monday.

The cruise took him to four of the eight spots where the United States obtained rights, by turning over 50 old destroyers to Britain, to establish plane and naval bases in British territory and thereby forge a chain of outlying defenses for the continent and the Panama Canal.

Sites Satisfactory

Mr. Roosevelt found the sites at the islands of Jamaica, St. Lucia, and Antigua in the Caribbean met the qualifications of supplying anchorage for essential maintenance and supply ships and areas for sea and land plane operations.

But at Mayaguana island in the

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Mexican Ambassador Returns For Xmas

MEXICO CITY —(AP)— A high official of the Petroleum Workers Union said Saturday night that 6,000 of the government oil industry's 18,000 employes were to be dismissed in President Avila Camacho's drive to liquidate the industry's 68,000,000 peso deficit.

The Albanian Front



Athens reports said Italians were falling back steadily for a possible new stand in heights around Chimara (1), almost half way up the Albanian coast from Porto Edda to Valona. A Greek spokesman said Italians also were withdrawing rapidly north of Argirocastro and London reports said Greeks had taken Kodre (2). Snows hampered operations on the northern front (3). Greeks said their penetrations (slant shading) of Albania now is almost twice as deep at both flanks as maximum Italian thrusts into Greece several weeks ago. Black areas indicate direction and location of the Italian thrusts, which never have been exactly defined.

Italian Spaghetti Is 'Captured' Now By Greek Cafe Man

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—(AP)—A customer climbed onto a stool at the counter of a Greek restaurant here.

"Gimme an order of Italian spaghetti."

"We ain't got no Italian spaghetti. We got some Greek spaghetti. O. K.?

"O. K."

BUILDING BOOM IN HARLINGEN

Five New Business Structures Start

HARLINGEN—This city is witnessing a renewal of the building boom which in 1940 has given Harlingen its biggest year for building in a number of years. The first half of December has seen most of this renewal, with five new business buildings and a half a dozen new residences under construction.

Work has begun on the largest of the five business buildings, the $20,000 new home of the Browder Motor Co. on West Jackson. Of reinforced concrete and tile construction, the building is 125 by 140 feet.

Knapp Motor Co. is also to have a new home. A 24 by 60 office and sales room building, for which $5,000 permit was taken out, will be augmented by a 75 by 140 shop building.

San Antonio Paper Co. also is constructing a new $14,500 building on West Jackson, and will be of concrete and tile construction. A $6,000 clinic for Dr. Troy Shafer is being added to "Clinic Row" on East Harrison, and a 50 by 100 foot building for Reger Neon Co. is being constructed on Commerce.

Some seven houses, totalling $17,750 and ranging from $1,750 and $3,500 are being built in Harlingen at the present time, according to City Building Inspector Ralph Bledsoe. Well over 100 new residences have been built during the year, with several others to be started soon.

Italy Raids Malta

LONDON— (AP) —Reuters, British news agency, reported that two formations of "enemy" aircraft caused "slight civilian casualties and little damage to property" in attacks Saturday on the Mediterranean island of Malta.

ACTOR DIES

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. —(AP)— Edward Cecil, 60, veteran motion picture character actor, died of a heart attack Friday, it became known Saturday.

NO. 2 FRENCH LEADER WAS STRONG NAZI

Flandin Succeeds As Vice Premier

NEW YORK —(AP)— Max Jordan, NBC corresnondent in a broadcast from Basel, Switzerland, said Saturday night that Pierre Laval was lodged in a jail at Vichy, France, and that his resignation as vice-premier resulted from an unsuccessful attempt to persuade Marshal Petain to give Germany the aid of the French fleet against the British in return for liberal Nazi peace terms.

Petain was quoted as saying Germany's latest peace proposal as advocated by Laval came at too high a price, Jordan said.

VICHY, France —(AP)—The world was permitted to learn Saturday night that Pierre Laval, No. 2 man of the Vichy government, has been forcibly shown the door, but that his policy of collaboration with Germany will be continued under Pierre-Etienne Flandin.

Laval was ousted as vice-premier and foreign minister Friday night. Flandin took over the foreign ministry. The vice-premiership was left empty.

As the hectic events of the past 24 hours unfolded—their full story still may not be told—informed persons said the action was directed mainly against Laval's activity at home and not against the principle of German collaboration, which Chief of State Marshal Philippe Petain has endorsed.

Planned Own Rule

(In Bern, Switzerland, authoritative diplomatic sources said Laval was accused by his colleagues of scheming to set himself up as head of an independent government at Paris and even of plotting to lead France into war against Britain. He was reported under guard at his estate.)

Significant was the official announcement that the change had been communicated to Reichsfuehrer Hitler before the public was told, informing him that pro-German, Rightist Flandin was "more apt" than his predecessor at "collaboration."

The old marshal himself told the people that the change would not effect French relations with Germany, although Laval was the man who had done more than anyone to bring France close to the Axis.

Yet Petain, in words weighty with significance, explained to

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GREEKS TAKE MORE ALBANIA

Italian Resistance Is Stiffening

ATHENS—(Sunday) —(AP)—Greek troops slogging through heavy snowfalls have crushed fierce Italian mountaintop defenses all along the Albanian front, capturing more prisoners and arament, the Greeks declared officially early today.

Italian resistance was said to be especially stiff in the northern Pogradetz area on the route leading to Elbasani, but a government spokesman said it was not holding up the Greek advance.

Battle Northward

Other Greek units were battling their way northward along the Adriatic coastline toward Chimara enroute to Valona, and also cutting toward those ports from inland trails in the Tepeleni region, reports here said.

The Greeks already have claimed a total of 7,250 troops captured, and the high command said additional prisoners were taken in Saturday's fighting, along with 60 automatic weapons.

"The news from the front is highly satisfactory, the spokesman said. "In some places we are making the usual advances whereas in others the Italians are putting up stiff resistance but everywhere it has been crushed despite the fact that snow is very heavy in the fighting regions."

Italian Planes Active

(Yugslav border dispatches from the northern Lake Orchid region said Italian planes were active there, heavily bombing Greek positions in the Pogradetz area.)

The ministry of home security said Italian planes attacked some villages but that no civilian casualties were reported.

NAZIS SINK HOLIDAY SHIP

Canadian Minister Aboard Liner

NEW YORK—(AP)—The British liner Western Prince, loaded with a heavy cargo, including airplanes, and carrying British officials home for the Christmas holidays, was torpedoed Saturday about 550 miles northwest of Londonderry, Ireland.

(At Ottawa, the prime minister's office reported receipt of a message saying that "most of the persons aboard the Western Prince were saved." No further details of the torpedoing were available).

Mackay Radio here picked up an SSS call that the 10,926-ton ship had been "torpedoed" at 2:02 a.m. (EST). Nothing further was heard after the first call, relayed by the Portpatrick, Scotland, station.

Furness, Withy and Company, managers of the Western Prince, identified one of the 60 passengers as C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Munitions and Supply. Also aboard was Captain W. A. Charlton, one-time master of the Queen of Bermuda. The ship had a crew of 80 when she left here Dec. 6.

Industry's Attempt To Supply Both Civilians, Army Causes Defense Lag

Knudsen Demands Better Results From Industrialists; Longer Week, Longer Hours Studied As Solution

By FRANK MacMILLEN

NEW YORK—(AP)—How to get more production out of the nation's busy factories confronted industrial leaders Saturday as a major problem awaiting solution in efforts to speed the defense program.

Heavy Christmas demand for consumers goods drew attention to industry's double lead in supplying both civilian and government military orders.

Homeward bound after attending the annual Congress of American Industry, sponsored by the National Association of Manufacturers, scores of the country's leading industrialists pondered the appeal for faster production raised Friday night by Defense Commissioner William S. Knudsen.

Lag Acknowledged

Knudsen, in a blunt speech acknowledging a lag in defense production, put the question whether the country could afford to "cut 20 per cent off our machine time" by keeping machinery idle from Friday to Monday in the five-day work week.

Before Knudsen turned the spotlight on the production question,

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TANK BLAZE IS FATAL TO 2

Texas City Refinery Still Burning

GALVESTON, Tex.—(AP)—Texas City's costly Southport Oil Refinery fire, which is gradually burning itself out, Saturday claimed the life of a second man who, with nearly a score of workmen, was sprayed with burning oil Friday when a blazing storage tank boiled over.

The second victim was Paul Dupree, 40, Texas City, who died Saturday afternoon at a hospital here before blood transfusions could be given. He suffered severe burns of his head, both hands, face, arms, back and his right leg.

Earlier in the day A. W. Taylor, 36, Texas City Heights, died at the hospital from burns suffered in the fire. Nineteen men were burned, and three others are still in a critical condition in local hospitals.

Hunter Shoots Self

ARTESIA, N. M. —(AP)— Alvy J. Mooney, 22, accidentally shot and killed himself late Saturday while changing cars preparatory to a hunting trip.

Band Silenced

Union Takes Action Against Army

NEW YORK —(AP)— James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians (AFL), said Saturday he had banned music by soldier musicians from the first broadcast Sunday of a series of army programs, "this is Fort Dix."

He said he had refused permission for the amateur musicians of the 104th engineers band to go on the air in order to safeguard the union's professional players from such "competition."

Laborite A Red

Union Votes Leader Is Guilty

SEATTLE —(AP)— Members of the Aeronautical Mechanics Union, Local 751, voted 429 to 344 Saturday to accept a report declaring Vice President Donald R. Keppler "guilty of Communistic activities."

The union, an AFL affiliate, has a membership of some 8,000 employes of the Boeing Aircraft Company here.

The vote came on a report by a "trial board" appointed by the union president to investigate various charges against 16 union members and officials.

Earlier, Keppler had issued a flat denial that he was or ever had been a Communist.



Mississippi Prepares For Invasion!

Sheriffs Of Adjoining Counties In Two States Clash Over 'Dens'

MEMPHIS, Tenn. —(AP)—Mississippians are volunteering by the hundreds to repel any "invasion" of their state by crusading Sheriff Guy Joyner of Shelby (Memphis) Tenn., Sheriff E. S. Baxter of Desoto county (Hernando) Miss., said Saturday night.

And moreover, Baxter wrote Joyner in reply to a letter threatening to invade the Mississippi sheriff's baliwick and clean out state-line "gambling dens," if Joyner tries any such thing it will be "solely and absolutely at your own risk."

"I will not and cannot be responsible for what private citizens might do," Baxter wrote.

Joyner started the row Monday by erecting a big sign at the state line warning that "down the road in Mississippi are gambling dens and dives."

Then Joyner topped it all off Friday night with a letter to Baxter saying that some day or night with axes, bloodhounds and sledge hammers "I will break down those doors and make kindling wood of all gambling equipment."

The Desoto sheriff, who says he knows of no gambling in his domain and would stop it if he did, wrote back:

"I intend to treat you like I would any other ordinary law violator if you, any of your deputies or any person connected directly or indirectly with your office comes into Mississippi—and especially Desoto county — and undertakes to assume the prerogatives of the officers of this county."

US TO BEGIN ON ATLANTIC BASES WORKS

Engineers Already Posted At Sites

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Army completed major preliminaries Saturday for an immediate start on constructing the eight Atlantic naval and air bases acquired from Great Britain.

Engineers already have sailed to prepare the base on the Caribbean island of Jamaica, the war department disclosed, announced that advanced parties would be sent before the year's end to other islands and to British Guiana, on the South American mainland. Work already is progressing in Newfoundland and Bermuda, which did not figure directly in the exchange of 50 American naval destroyers for base sites.

Both the army and navy are involved in the development of the bases, the army's primary task being to garrison and defend them.

To obtain experienced men to help "carry the load of training the new army," the war department also announced that all the 28,739 members of the regular army reserve who do not have dependents would be ordered into active service probably by February 15. The reserve is made up of former enlisted men.

The government's program for expansion of munitions facilities was advanced by an order to start work on a small arms ammunition plant at St. Louis, and by selection of sites for four additional naval ordnance plants.

The Western Cartridge Company of East Alton, Ill., was awarded a $18,600,000 contract to engineer the plant and procure equipment. The United States Cartridge Company of Baltimore, a newly-created subsidiary, was given an initial $87,279,790 order for the first output of the plant.

The four new navy ordnance plants will be in addition to a $5,000,000 establishment already designated for Louisville. The additional plants, which will cost approximately $34,800,000 and employ 8,350 persons, will be located as follows:

Detroit vicinity to cost about $12,000,000; Canton, Ohio, about $16,000,000; Indianapolis, about $6,000,000; and Macon, Ga., about $800,000.

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Bahamas, where a special board had recommended that a plane base be located at shallow, reef-sheltered Abrahams Bay, he said anchorages were poor and that efforts would be made to find something better.

That was one of the matters he discussed Friday when the cruise was climaxed by his first meeting since 1919 with the Duke of Windsor.

The former king of England, now governor of the Bahamas, flew out from Miami and conferred with the president aboard the Tuscaloosa while it was anchored at Eleuthera Island—one of those over which Edward has jurisdiction.

WEIGHTY PROBLEMS FACE PRESIDENT DURING WEEK

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Many weighty problems and a desk piled high with work await President Roosevelt when he returns to the White House Monday from his Caribbean cruise.

Within the next three weeks, the chief executive must prepare two important documents for presentation to the new congress meeting in January. The first is the budget for the fiscal year beginnig next June 1, and the other is his annual message on "The State of the Union."

Walter-Logan Bill

The president also will find on his desk the Walter-Logan bill, a measure distasteful to some administration aides. He must act upon it by Wednesday, or allow it to become law without his signature, and Washington, generally, expects a veto. The bill would broaden the jurisdiction of the courts over the decisions and procedure of such governmental agencies as the labor board and communications commission.

Foremost among policy matters which appear pressing for decision are the questions of financial aid for Great Britain and energizing the defense program.

Defense Is Lagging

Defense efforts admittedly are lagging. William S. Knudsen, defense commisisoner in charge of production, disclosed Friday night that airplane production was 30 per cent behind estimates made last July.

In connection with the talk of ways to whip the rearmament program into top speed, some are predicting the appointment of a defense head, possibly Knudsen, with authority to go into the factories themselves, search out production bottlenecks and show the manufacturer how to eliminate them.

The president's lieutenants have gone as far as they feel that they can go on the question of lending money to England, and the next step is up to the president.

Greek Vessel Sends Out Distress Call

NEW YORK —(AP)— The 4,798-ton Greek steamer Orion sent out urgent distress signals Saturday night, intercepted by Mackay Radio, which said she had a broken steering gear in a north Atlantic storm.

The Orion reported at 6:28 p.m. that she needed help immediately, Mackay said. The ship's position was about 700 miles northeast of St. John's, Nfld.

Since outbreak of the war New York has become the world's leading diamond cutting center.

San Benito Youth Now With British Flying Force Really Likes His Job

Frank Cowart Visits Relatives With New Wife

By DEL CRAIN

SAN BENITO—"I like my job so much they'll have to fire me to get me out," said Flying Officer Frank E. Cowart of the Royal Canadian Air Force and former San Benitan Saturday.

Frank and his beauteous Canadian wife or rather bride, Patricia Ann, left Saturday afternoon after a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Cowart, and his uncles, Tom and John Cowart. They expected to drive through to his station at Jarvis, Ontario, in three days.

Is Flying Officer

His title as "flying officer" is comparable to the first lieutenent in the United States Air Corps and he is stationed with No. One Bombing and Gunnery Squadron training pilots in a final six weeks course before they go to England.

It is understood that Frank has "ferried" planes "across" but when asked about it he said he couldn't talk for publication because of the strict regulations of the service. However, he did say that at the time of his enlistment in August, 1940, that he signed up for transatlantic service but soon afterwards this service was taken over by private enterprise on a strictly civilian basis.

He Likes Canada

One thing about which he is "loquacious" is the splendid treatment by Canadian officials who are the "most considerate and nicest people" he just about ever met. He said they practically "bent over backward" in an effort to give every service requested by the men.

"Craving excitement," as he put it, Frank resigned in 1939 a position of six years as secretary to G. B. Corless, general superintendent of the Gulf Coast Division of the Humble Company in Houston to form the "Gulf Coast Hot Shot Service." This company specialized in delivering certain oil field equipment and in cropdusting in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Soldier Of Fortune

He was recommended for the Canadian service in August by the well-known flyer, Ace Corbin, and was contacted in Houston by telephone by Col. Bill Brooks, famous "soldier of fortune" recruiting men for the service. Reporting the next day in Dallas, Frank underwent flight tests there with seven other Texans; flew to New York for other stringent physical examinations and then to Ottawa, Canada, for still more rigorous tests. The reason for the severe examinations was that certain men were picked for officers commissions selected on the basis of education, character, background and ability. From there he went to Trenton, Ontario, which is the "Randolph Field of Canada" and was instructed in flying of all types of planes. In his present squadron at Jarvis are some 30 Americans including two Valley boys, Brady Parker of Lyford and Bill Ferguson of McAllen.



San Benitan Frank E. Cowart who "made good" with the Royal Canadian Air Force and is Flying Officer with the Bombing and Gunnery Squadron at Jarvis, Ontario, pictured with his lovely bride, Patricia Ann. They visited relatives in San Benito, leaving Saturday for Canada.

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ers captured: An incomplete official estimate put it at 26,000, together with vast quantities of guns, tanks, arms, equipment of all sorts.

This estimate, which the British said was conservative, placed in actual custody more than one fourth of the Fascist army which invaded Egypt in the early autumn and now has been driven back to the point where it started—an army which at its peak strength had been estimated by the British at 80,000.

The troops which had escaped capture in the flight into Libya were pictured as so disorganized as to be of little present account.

British air activity continued to set a huge tempo of violence for the whole operation.

Air Assaults Continuous

Continuous assaults with bomb and machinegun fire on Italian positions far within Libya—at Derna, for example, 150 miles and more within the frontier—were reported by the Royal Air Force. Hard hit, said the British, were the Derna barracks, wireless station and other military buildings, and spreading fires were left in the area.

Among the announced results elsewhere in this furious aerial campaign were these:

Bardia, the important Libyan coastal base, hit again; military stores bombed in half a dozen points and airdromes, landing fields, gasoline storages and the like pounded over a wide area; retreating Italians heavily machine-gunned.

TEXAS OILMEN AWAIT ORDER

AUSTIN—(AP)—While Texas oilmen awaited possible action by the Railroad Commission after a statewide proration hearing, commission engineers Saturday reported production this week averaged approximately 35,515 barrels daily over the U. S. Bureau of Mines estimate.

The figure, slightly higher than last week's included daily underproduction of 47,609 in assigned but unproduced allowables.

The net daily allowable increased over that of a week ago by 6,276 barrels daily to a total of 1,360,124, the federal bureau's estimate of demand from Texas during December was 1,277,000 barrels a day.

Washington Irving was a lawyer and business man as well as writer.

Aged Lady's Action Plea Is Answered

Mailed Suggestions Fill Her Time

SEATTLE — (AP) — A week ago, Mrs. Ella Russell, 72 years old, widowed and "comfortably fixed" financially, was wondering "what am I going to do with the rest of my life?"

Weaving rugs and sitting by the fireside reading a good book didn't appeal to her as the proper ending for what had been a busy life.

It looked like a dull old age for Ella Russell, and she cried out against it.

Readers Answer

But that was before the newspaper readers of the nation took their pens in hand to suggest ways Ella Russell could avoid "gathering mental dust."

"I'm just like the old lady who lived in a shoe," she said Saturday as the postman rang again and she began opening the latest batch of nearly 500 letters already received. "Instead of having so many children, I have so many ideas I don't know what to do."

Widow Excited

And Mrs. Russell laughed excitedly, as she fingered through her growing pile of letters.

A widow, 63 years old, sent this from Amarillo, Tex.:

"I sure feel sorry for you. . . . I used to live on a mail route, and the mail man laughed at me for never having any use for a mail box. But now I spend my time writing to people I never have seen, or expect to see.

Start a Store

"Or, you might start a store and sell pretty things to old ladies."

From a woman in San Jose, Calif.:

"What interesting reading a book containing the idea you will get from readers would make! Why not save the good letters and write a book about them. Some publisher might take the book. God bless you!"

And a housewife in Kalispell, Mont., said:

"Love Your Trees"

"I, too, used to live in Seattle; love your madrona and dogwood trees, and all the lovely foliage and flowers. . . . Why not start a rug business on a small scale? You say you're tired of just making rugs to keep busy. Why not make rugs for doll houses? You could sell a lot of them, I know."

"I don't know what I'll do," said Mrs. Russell, "but these letters have made me see there is plenty to be done for people."

'SMACK LABOR' BILLS ARE HIT

Coming Legislation Said Harmful

NEW YORK — (AP) — James B. Carey, secretary of the CIO, said that rights of labor are "under attack in the most serious way" and urged "fair play" for labor to achieve maximum defense production.

He asserted that "smack-labor" bills in Congress and state legislatures "threaten everybody, not just labor alone."

In an address prepared for a national conference on labor's rights and the defense program sponsored by the National Lawyer's Guild, he added that the rights of labor, particularly "the full, unobstructed rights to organize themselves," are "being attacked through new proposals for legislation; they are being attacked through neglect of duty on the part of agencies charged with the enforcement of laws" and more and more they are being attacked in wholly illegal ways."

He said the situation "becomes most acute, of course, in the shape of the right to strike."

NEW LAW FOR TRUCKS ASKED

May Exempt Private Motor Carriers

AUSTIN—(AP)—An intensive effort to exempt privately owned and operated trucks from regulation of the Railroad Commission under the motor carrier law will be made during the next session of the legislature, officials of the Private Truck Owers Association announced here.

"More than 300,000 privately-owned trucks, from those used by small farmers to fleets used by business men, are operating outside of the law," said Association Manager Carl C. Hardin. "They are operating under a senate resolution which states it was not the intent of the legislature to include private carriers in the Motor Carrier Act."

Hardin added that copies of a proposed bill which will be one of the first filed when the lawmakers convene in January were being mailed to legislators and civic, farm and business leaders over the state.

LEADER WAS STRONG NAZI

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France that the "resignation" of Laval was essential for reasons of interior policy, for the country's unity, and went on:

"I remain at the helm! The National Revolution continues!"

The best available diplomatic opinion saw behind the ouster a growing distrust by both Petain and General Maxime Weygand, the powerful supreme commander in Africa, for Laval's negotiations with Germany. Weygand, it is known, has been afraid France might lose sovereignty over some of her African possessions, and has spoken out against any cession. Behind him is the undefeated French army in Africa.

Official announcements of the changes were read to the press after a day in which France had been cut off from all communication with the outside world.

Berlin, semi-officially, indicated its approval of Flandin's selection.

Saturday night, immediately after the announcement of the one-man purge, new "protection groups," a French version of the German Schutz Staffel, were on guard at strategic points in Vichy.

LAVAL SOUGHT TO FORM OWN DICTATORSHIP

BERN, Switzerland—(AP)—Charges that Pierre Laval plotted to set up a separate government with himself as head and even lead France into war against Britain were behind his dismissal from the Vichy government, authoritative sources declared Saturday night.

Interior Minister Marcel Peyrouton and other ministers, these sources said, accused Laval of scheming to set himself up as leader of an independent regime at Paris and of using his ministerial rank to build up his prestige for war on Britain.

Peyrouton Promoted

The one-man purge which washed Laval out of the Vichy cabinet left Peyrouton, chief of police as well as interior minister, as the strong man under Marshal Petain.

Laval, Friday's "Crown Prince," is said to be a prisoner in his estate, guarded by soldiers and "GP" men—agent of the Groupe de Protection, strong-arm squads built up by Peyrouton and other French leaders who distrusted Laval.

Diplomatic sources said the straw which broke the camel's back of Petain's toleration of his vice-premier and foreign minister was the simple question of who should go to Paris to represent the Vichy government when the remains of Napoleon's son are returned from Germany to the Invalides at Adolf Hitler's order.

Urged Petain To Go

According to these reports, Laval said Petain himself should go. Petain refused, they said, and was backed up by other ministers but that was only an incident following the graver charges against Laval.

Prince Edward Island is the smallest but also the most densely populated province of Canada.

CAMERON DUE AAA PAYMENT

721 Farmers Apply For Soil Checks

HARLINGEN—Cameron county growers are expected to receive a total of $625,000 as their share of government benefit payments of various kinds for participation in soil conservation and crop control practices, according to Jack W. Lowrance, secretary of the Cameron county Agricultural Conservation Association.

Payments totalling $62,604.62 have already been received on 721 applications for soil conservation compliance and a total of $490,000 is expected on the 4,800 applications in this county. Another group of checks is expected to be received early in the week in which event the producers will be notified.

Parity payments totalling $187,181.57 have already been received on 3,999 applications. There are 1,000 small applications still pending which are expected to bring the total parity payments to around $225,000 which with $400,000 in soil conservation payments would make a total of $625,000 for the year's compliance with various programs.

KNUDSEN WANTS BETTER RESULTS

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business leaders talking to the manufacturers and in other meetings this week discussed various proposals for improving factory performance, including:

(1) Longer working hours.
(2) Increasing capacity and utilization of remaining idle plants.
(3) Training of skills for defense industry.
(4) Sub-contracting and regulation of the flow of materials to avoid bottlenecks.

Many who listened to the discussions assumed these proposals singly or in combination would be tried in the new year drive to gear industry to steadily climbing defense spending.

Business On Increase

Capacity or near-capacity operations limited further industrial gains after one of the sharpest autumn upswings on record. Seasonal adjustments partly accounted for an additional rise in the Associated Press index of industrial activity to 119.5 per cent of the 1929-30 level compared with 118.5 the previous week and 112.1 a year ago.

Several announcements of wage-increased and year-end bonuses for factory workers emphasized the rising trend of national income, which some analysts figured might reach the unprecedented figure of $100,000,000,000 annually in the climb of defense spending.

Thriving Christmas trade, especially at industrial centers benefiting from larger factory payrolls and arms spending, was traced to the ascending swing in the country's income.

Xmas Record Falls

Retail trade reports said consumer avidity for merchandise embraced a wide assortment of goods aside from Christmas gifts. The U. S. Commerce Department recently forecast Christmas business this year would shatter previous records.

VALLEY DRAWS WET NORTHER

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Sabine county were isolated, cattle losses and damage to farm lands and country roads mounted. Nearly 100 Negroes, who had returned to their homes after being evacuated two weeks ago, were moved out again and placed under the care of the Red Cross. Meanwhile, farther south the danger of a serious flood in Harris county (Houston) passed as the San Jacinto river fell slowly. A serious flood threat continued along the lower Trinity, out of its banks at places for three weeks. Liberty, center of the flooded area, reported water over roads to the south but feared no further damage unless heavy rains continued.

California Cold

Cold enveloped northern California Saturday as wintry weather chilled the northern states from coast to coast. Sub-zero readings were registered in many communities between the Rockies and Wisconsin, and sub-freezing temperatures were recorded at many points between Illinois and the North Atlantic seaboard.

In California, the mercury dropped to seven above in Susanville and fell to 24 in Sacramento. Severe damage to citrus was reported in Sacramento county. Colorado had 21 below, while at West Yellowstone, Mont., the thermometer column shrivelled to 39 below. Big Springs, Neb., had 28 below, Minneapolis saw six below, and Park Falls, Wis., registered 12 below.

Sen. Gerald P. Nye Is Married In Iowa

IOWA FALLS, Ia. —(AP)— Miss Marguerite Johnson, 32, Rock Island, Ill., high school teacher, and U. S. Senator Gerald P. Nye, 47, of North Dakota, were married in the English Lutheran Church here at 5 p.m. Saturday.

Liner Is Converted

PORTLAND, Ore.—(AP)—The passenger liner City of Norfolk was turner over to the navy here Saturday for conversion into a marine corps transport.

The U. S. Mint executes coins for several foreign governments.

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Old Santa Fe Whoops It Up Despite Jinx Of Friday The Thirteenth As Town Celebrates Picture Premiere

SANTA FE, N. M.—(AP)—Old Santa Fe in fiesta mood swung through a whirl of celebration Saturday for the film, "Santa Fe Trail," its first and Warner Brothers' "last" localized motion picture premiere.

Gay descendants of the conquistadores who founded Santa Fe 300 years ago devoted themselves wholeheartedly to preparations for the premiere at three treatres Saturday night.

Unmindful of a Friday the 13th that gave Hollywood cinema directors the jitters, the old town was wound up for a real party and jinx or no jinx, it was going to have one.

In a swirl of Spanish finery, frontier jerkins, Indian blankets and cowboy regalia, the city and its several thousand guests whooped it up until early morning. Then they quit the first grand ball and snatched at sleep in preparation for the day's fervid pace.

The star of "Santa Fe Trail," Olivia De Havilland, and May Robson, 76-year-old stage and screen actress, were chief victims of the Friday 13th misfortune.

Miss De Havilland was stricken with a "mild" attack of appendicitis while en route here on the 14-car special train that brought film notables and other guests for the premiere. She was "not in serious condition," her physician said, and was flown back to Los Angeles early Saturday.

May Robson, who collapsed in a hotel shortly after the celebration began, was rushed to Albuquerque and was resting there in a hotel. The attending doctor said her heart had been affected by the high altitude. She, too, was not in serious condition.

OBITUARY

H. E. BALLARD

McALLEN—Mrs. D. E. Nall of McAllen, has received word of the death of her brother, H. E. Ballard, at Milwaukee, Wis., last week.

His body was placed in a crypt at Forest Hill Cemetery at Milwaukee until May when it will be forwarded to Jasper, Mo., for interment in the family lot there.

VALLEY WOMAN'S KIN DIES

McALLEN—Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Thornton are in Mount Pleasant where they were called last week by the serious illness of her father, Mr. Stephens, who died Saturday at four a.m. Funeral services will be held at Mount Pleasant. The Thorntons are expected to return here in a week.

MRS. N. P. BETTS

EDINBURG — Funeral services are planned at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Stotler chapel at Mercedes for Mrs. N. P. Betts, 37, wife of the prominent Edinburg business man, who died at her home here Friday morning after a brief illness. Rev. J. W. Mason, pastor of the Edinburg Baptist church, will officiate and interment will be at the La Feria cemetery.

Survivors include the husband; a son, Nyal Dean; a daughter, Sarann; her father, F. F. McGill of Okolona, Miss.; a brother, W. H. McGill of Memphis, Tenn.; and three sisters, Mrs. E. F. Betts of La Feria, Mrs. Paul David of Memphis and Mrs. M. E. Chadick of Los Angeles, Calif.

WILLIAM WHEELER

McALLEN—The body of William Wheeler, who died suddenly Saturday at the municipal hospital, was forwarded Saturdaly night to Boone, Iowa, for interment. Mr. Wheeler had come to McAllen from Iowa only about two months ago Kreidler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

O. D. KIRKLAND, Jr.

McALLEN—Services were held here Saturday morning at the Kreidler chapel for Oscar Denton Kirkland, Jr., 19 months' old, who lost his life in a canal west of the city Friday. Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kirkland of North 18th street, and four sisters, Nellie, Edna, Maurine and Lillian. Interment was at Rose Lawn cemetery.

The child was no kin to Hidalgo County Clerk Oscar D. Kirkland of Edinburg.

MAY NOT TAKE GAME DEVICES

Must Have Evidence Of Their Use

DALLAS—(AP)—In a first ruling on the question by a state appellate court, the Fifth Court of Civil Appeals held unanimously here that gambling devices may not be seized and destroyed by law enforcement officials unless it is shown the devices were being used or exhibited to attract bettors.

Chief Justice Joel R. Bond delivered the opinion as he ordered some 50,000 punch boards, held for more than a year by Dallas officials, returned to their owners.

Admitting that a punch board is a gambling device and fit for no other purpose, Judge Bond said: "The mere fact that the device was found in possession does not authorize confiscation, unless it can be shown it was being used or exhibited in such a manner as to signify the purpose of gaming."

China-Soviet Pact For Arms Reported

NEW YORK —(AP)— The British radio reported Saturday night that China and the Soviet Union have signed an agreement under which China is to sell $100,000,000 worth of tea to the U.S.S.R., "making it possible for the Chinese government to buy war material from Russia which it needs for the war against Japan," CBS recorded the report here.

WPA Is Making Toys

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The WPA said Saturday that some two million toys would be distributed from its workshops to underprivileged children this Christmas.

BOND ISSUE VOTED

PORT ARTHUR, Tex. —(AP)— Port Arthur voters balloted Saturday, three to one, to issue $600,000 in city bonds for a recreational center.

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JOHNSON ACT REPEAL DUE?

May Will Introduce Bill In Congress

PRESTONSBURG, Ky. — (AP) — Chairman May (D-Ky) of the House Military Affairs committee, said Saturday night he would introduce in the forthcoming congress a bill calling for outright repeal of the Johnson act which bars loans to nations in default on debts to the United States.

"England, in effect, is fighting our battle," he said in a statement at his home. "If England should be defeated, it means that we, in reality, would be fighting the battle now shouldered by Great Britain."

May said he had withheld the bill this session because there was no immediate chance for passage.

May said he did not propose direct loans by the government.

"This bill would merely clear the way for those who want to help, not only England, but any other countries friendly to the United States," he said.

Fire Insurance Man Reported Improved

COLEMAN —(AP)— The condition of State Fire Insurance Commissioner Walter Woodward, who is suffering with asthma and bronchial trouble, was slightly improved Saturday.

He was still in an oxygen tent as a precaution against pneumonia. He was able to take nourishment Saturday. Relatives were more optimistic over his condition.

Egypt Burns Cotton In Railway Engines

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Cotton fields are taking over the job of coal mines in keeping steam-up in locomotives of Egyptian railroads.

The substitute of cotton-seed cakes for coal as fuel resulted, says the Bureau of Mines, from the war-caused difficulties of shipping coal into Egyptian ports.

Congratulations

To Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Beachum, Raymondville, on the birth of a daughter, weighing eight and one-half pounds, Saturday at 5:56 p.m. at Valley Baptist Hospital.

HOUSE IS MOVED

SAN JUAN—Mrs. Fred Gallant this week sold the house on her farm to L. C. Mellenbruch, who is moving it to his farm home, known as the San Juan Flower Gardens, on east highway.

FLU SPREADING TO NORTHWEST

California Epidemic Passing Peak

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—A mild form of influenza which reached epidemic proportions in California was spreading through the Pacific Northwest Saturday.

While California reported increasing indications that the epidemic had passed its peak, schools were closed in many sections of Washington and Oregon, and several deaths were reported from complications of the disease.

More than a score of schools were closed in the state of Washington.

Two deaths were reported Friday, Mrs. C. L. Torry, 78, who died at Portland, and Police Patrolman Robert F. Baerman, 51, who succumbed at Seattle from pneumonia which developed from influenza.

WILLKIE FLUNKS 'COLLEGE' EXAM

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scientific polls of opinion all came in for some good natured ribbing but, as always, the high spots were reached with political skits.

The Republican show took the diners to "Suburbia," a semi-mythical kingdom from which lately departed a crusade to rescue the land from the new infideal.

The Gridironers did not overlook the natural provided by the president's play on "Martin, Barton and Fish" in his campaign speeches, and they appeared as a trio to sing of seeking political knowledge but flunking the electoral college.

The dinner ended with a skit called "Reunion in America." Secretary Ickes and Mayor Kelly of Chicago, Senator Norris and Frank Hague, William Allen White and Senator Hiram Johnson, John L. Lewis and Tom Girdler, Mayor LaGuardia and Edward Flynn and Al Smith and Herbert Hoover came in arm in arm. Big business march with little business, followed by the loyal opposition, Aunty Third Term, Uncle Sam and Unity. All sang:

"Sing a Song of Unity at Home."

Landon Backs Martin For Party Chairman

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Alfred M. Landon, Republican presidential nominee in 1936, said Saturday he thought "it would be a very good thing" for Joseph W. Martin, House minority leader, to remain indefinitely as party chairman.

The former Kansas governor said he believed the party "would be greatly benefitted to have the national campaign and congressional activities linked up as they are now."

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— SUNDAY - MONDAY —
JOAN BENNETT and FRANCIS LEDERER in
"THE MAN I MARRIED"
And
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DEANNA DURBIN in
"IT'S A DATE"
And
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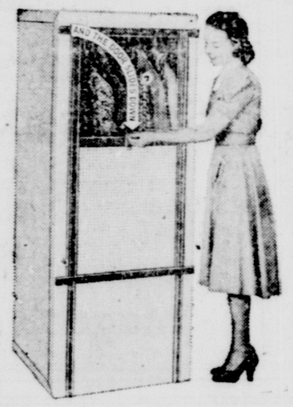
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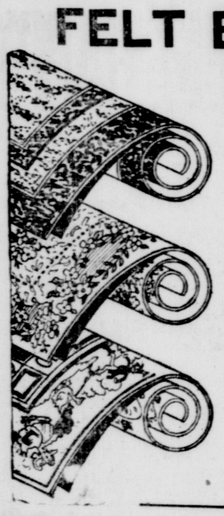
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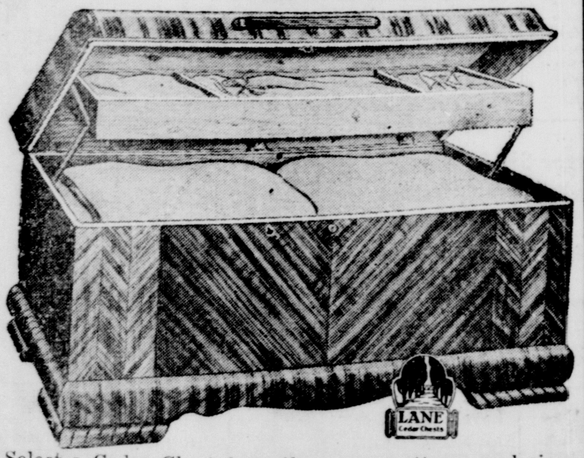
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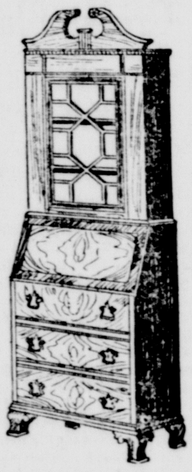
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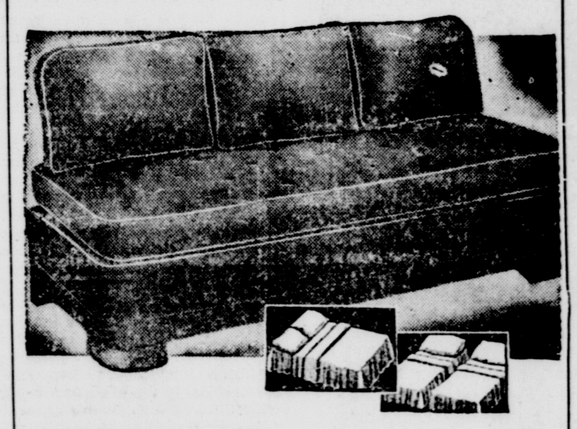
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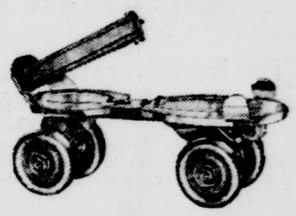
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PLAYERS SET FOR JARDIN SCHOOL PLAY

Two One-Act Shows On Tuesday Night

BROWNSVILLE — Two one-act plays with student casts will be staged at El Jardin school auditorium at 8 p.m. Tuesday for the benefit of the student council, members of the council have announced.

"The plays are expected to be highly entertaining and the public is invited to attend," it was stated.

Casts for "He Ain't Done Right by Little Nell," directed by Mrs. Ida Hall, includes Mary Elizabeth Baughman as Little Nell; Albert Drumright, Jack Logan; Bill Ford, Hilton Hays; Betty Crow, Granny Perkins; Marie Rone, Lolly Wilkins; Anna Froyd, Vera Carleton; Bill Ostrander, Burkett Carleton.

"Quack! Quack!" directed by Miss Katherine Stephens, will have the following cast: Don Eddie Hockaday and Bobby Hunter as Drs. Slycem and Paine; Robert Ford, Henry; Elaine Loop, Aimee; Dotty Kidder, Mrs. Emaline Gabs; Billy Ostrander, Mr. Gimps; Lois Martin, Miss Katy Katchoo; Anita Mae Loop, Mrs. Tabitha Buzzer; Donald Lawrence, Al Falfa; Betty June Inman, Bridget; Doris Martin, Mrs. O'Leary; Melvin Burlingame, Wumf; G. W. Jackson, Wunkus; Norval Taylor, Pete.

FORT SILL'S FLU ON WANE

1300 Cases Handled At Base Hospital

FORT SILL, Okla.—(AP)—Fort Sill medical authorities said Saturday that 1,300 cases of influenza, 800 of them members of the 45th division, were handled this week at the station hospital.

They added, however, that the disease, while extremely contagious was in a very mild form and not one of the cases was considered serious.

The epidemic hit its peak early this week, but started to decline Thursday.

Private Plane

Injured CCC Boy To Be Flown Home

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The War Department has ordered an army transport plane converted into an air ambulance to take a paralyzed 18-year-old CCC boy from San Francisco, Calif., to a Christmas reunion with his father in Montgomery, Ala.

James Phenix, Jr., the boy, drove a Civilian Conservation Corps truck into a ditch near Blackly, Ore., on May 30 to avoid collision with a private automobile. The truck upset and motorists found James in the wreck with his spinal cord severed. He now is in Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco.

The father, a rural resident near Grady, Ala., asked the CCC to send his boy back to him for a Christmas reunion.

Rail's Flood Break At Gladewater Okay

GLADEWATER —(AP)— Workmen Saturday had sufficiently filled a gorge to allow trains to ease over lines endangered when the side of the roadbed serving as the Lake Devernia dam sluffed off into the marsh.

Slides on the railroad dump were caused from softening of the earth due to rains of the past three weeks.

Swindlers Indicted On Fake Mint Sale

DALLAS—(AP)—Otis Reuben Sanders, 42, and Tom Reynolds, 48, were indicted Saturday on charges of swindling two Anson men of $1,000 through the sale of a device which was supposed to print money.

Tri-City Schools Organize Choir



PHARR—One of the first high school organizations of its kind in South Texas is the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo high school A Cappella choir, pictured above. Not all of the 60 members of the group were available when the photo was taken. They are shown in their royal blue and white robes, and these are to be worn Tuesday night when the choir presents its initial concert at the P-SJ-A school auditorium here under the direction of Ward Timmons.

McAllen Religious Parade Scheduled Monday Night

Twelve Decorated Floats Will Depict Scenes From Bible At Annual Yule Pageant

McALLEN—The annual religious parade arranged by the Business and Professional Business Women's Club will be seen in McAllen at 8:15 p.m. Monday, December 16, the Valley's next and last major celebration of 1940.

Twelve floats depicting scenes from the Bible leading up to the birth of Christ will be decorated by churches in McAllen. Thirteen floats bearing white clad church choir singers and McAllen school glee club members will be interspersed with church floats.

Everything on the program from the time the McAllen high school band starts playing a sacred hymn at 7:15 p.m. until the Christmas carols are sung by the massed choirs and audience in Archer Park is free to all the Valley. Though the stores will be open, under plan of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee, the principal purpose of the stores opening is for Valley people to see the many thousands of Christmas gifts here. The stores will be closed for 30 minutes during the parade.

Following the parade by the band, while playing sacred numbers, they wil give a concert in Archer Park and at 8:15 the religious pageant will move southward on Main street to the Municipal Hospital, thence east to Broadway and north on Broadway to the Chamber of Commerce Building, where it will disband. Police Chief Noah Cannon is cooperating with the B. P. and W. Club by clearing Main street from 8:15 to 8:45.

Motorists are asked not to park their cars on Main street from 8:15 to 8:45, and all visitors are asked to refrain from levity while the parade is passing, as the entire pageant is based on the Bible.

Mrs. Marguerite Robinson, originator of the idea in McAllen is general chairman of the entire pageant for the Business and Professional Women's Club. She is being assisted in the general management by President Dorothea Wilson, and Miss Eva Ellen Miller has charge of the massed choirs and floats carrying the singers, and she is being assisted in the general plan for arranging the floats by Mrs. Edith Klink and Miss Bess Richmond.

FIRE SURETY AGENTS MEET

McAllen Holds First Instruction Work

McALLEN—Fire and casualty insurance agents in the Valley will assemble in McAllen Thursday for the first insurance school of instruction ever held in this section.

The meeting will be held at the Casa de Palmas Hotel with sessions opening at 10 a. m.

The day's session is open to all fire and casualty insurance agents regardless of whether they are members of the regional exchange of the state insurance association, P. D. Moore, president of the McAllen exchange, announced. Local members, however, are in charge of entertainment plans for the event.

About 15 representatives of national companies are expected to attend, Moore said.

Rumania Arresting Reds Within Border

BUCHAREST—(AP)—The arrest of "numerous" Communists, most of them Jews, in Bucharest and other cities throughout Rumania on charges of "circulating leaflets against the public order" was announced by Premier Gen. Ion Antonescu.

Meat Allowance In Britain Is Reduced

LONDON —(AP)— The food ministry announced a reduction in the British meat ration.

Effective Monday, the quantity allowable per week per person will revert to what can be bought for one shilling, 10 pence (36 cents) instead of two shillings, two pence (43 cents) permitted under the temporary increase.

GETS NEW JOB

MISION—Dale Brogdon of Mission has accepted a position with the Lincoln Motor Company of Detroit, according to messages received this week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brogdon.



Ward Timmons, above, is director of the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo high school A Cappella choir.

LEGION WILL SHIP CITRUS

Indigent Families To Receive Gifts

McALLEN—Following an annual custom, the McAllen American Legion post again this year is sponsoring a Valley drive to obtain 150 bushels of citrus fruit to forward to indigent families of Legionnaires confined to the hospital at Kerrville.

Local arrangements are in charge of O. K. Rumbel and Bolton Hyde.

At the regular post meeting Friday night here it was voted that the McAllen post would make up any deficit resulting from the drive to assure the 150 bushels being forwarded for Christmas to Kerrville, Commander C. D. Martin said.

The fruit is sent to the families of confined men who otherwise might be overlooked at the holiday season, Martin explained.

Featured on the program at the meeting Friday were dance and song numbers by M. Williams and Jeanett Rucker, amateur McAllen artists.

McAllen Chamber of Commerce Manager Paul T. Vickers made a series of extra brief speeches on subjects suggested by Legionnaires. The program was arranged by L. J. (Shine) Mason with Mike Groom acting as master of ceremonies.

PRACHTS VISIT

EDCOUCH—Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Pracht of Wichita, Kans., are spending some time in the Valley looking after their property interests near La Villa.

YULE PROJECT OFFERS FOOD

Area May Subscribe To New Charity

McALLEN—Lee D. Rowe, chairman of the McAllen Salvation Army board, said Saturday that citizens of McAllen have an opportunity to be Santa Claus this year to 150 poor families.

A survey made by the board and by Captain Ralph Adams of the Army reveals that at least 150 families will have nothing to eat except fat bacon, corn bread and maybe beans for their Christmas dinner, and they will be mighty low on that, unless somebody acts as Santa Claus.

Baskets of good wholesome groceries can be delivered to these people for their Christmas dinner, with some left over for another meal at a total cost of $3 for each basket, the estimate shows. These baskets are to be delivered to the needy families the day before Christmas.

Men and women and clubs of McAllen are invited to be Santa Claus to some family by sending $3 for a basket or less than that amount for part of a basket or more than $3 for several baskets to either Rowe or Capt. Adams or leave it with Gaston Wiley at Chickadee, Texas.

Members of the board and the 20-30 club members will meet at the chamber of commerce building at 9 a.m. next Friday to discuss ways and means to plan further activities toward providing these 150 baskets. In the meantime people with Christmas spirit are asked to volunteer providing baskets by subscribing $3 to the fund.

McAllen Girl Born On Friday The 13th

McALLEN—Virginia Nell Fritz had no qualms about Friday the 13th.

Virginia Nell was born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fritz of McAllen at City Hospital here Friday, December 13, at 6:35 p. m., weighing seven pounds two ounces.

Italians Again Try Saloniki Air Raids

SALONIKI, Greece—(AP)—Italian planes attempted to bomb this area again Saturday after a lull of several weeks but were driven off by Greek pursuit planes.

There were brief alarms both Friday and Saturday but the raiders were unable to approach the city.

Average Living Cost Is Said To Be Same

NEW YORK—(AP)—Living costs of the average wage earner's family were unchanged in November compared with October and were only .5 of one per cent higher than in November, 1939, the national industrial conference board reported.

The board, a private research organization supported mainly by corporations, figured its living cost index at 85.5 per cent of the 1923 level, a rise of 19.2 per cent from the depression low in April, 1933 but a decline of 15.3 per cent from the November, 1929 level.

San Angelo College Chief To Head JC's

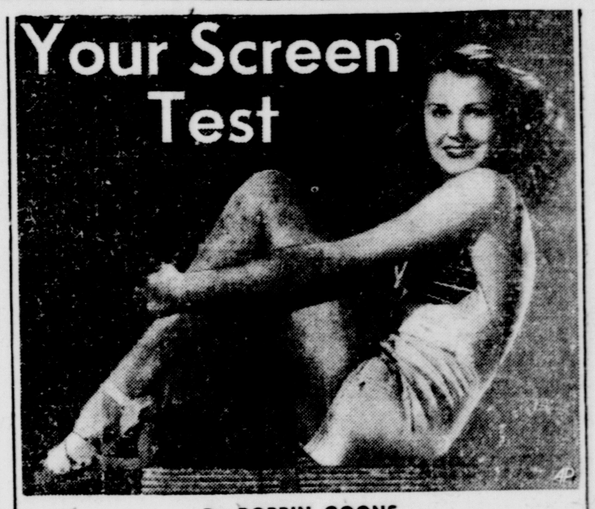
DALLAS—(AP)—Dr. W. H. Elkins, president of San Angelo Junior College, and former University of Texas star athlete, was elected president of the Texas Junior College Athletic Conference Saturday. He succeeds W. B. McDaniel of Weatherford College.

The conference awarded the conference track and field, tennis and golf championships to NTAC. They will be held May 2 and 3.

South's Conference Lists 16th Member

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—(AP)—The Southern Conference elected George Washington University of Washington its 16th member Saturday at the annual meeting here. Membership becomes effective September 1, 1941.

Your Screen Test



By ROBBIN COONS

1. What has the girl in the picture in common, career-wise, with Jane Withers?

2. (a) What famous comic now is producing a film in which he does not appear? (b) Do you recall the title of a famous silent picture produced and directed by another famous comic who likewise, for that occasion, refrained from acting?.

3. Nomenclature: (a) What top-flight comedian has the same surname as what top-flight comedienne? (b) What English actress has the same surname as what lanky, "strong, silent man" star? (c) What leading man's first name is the surname of what new leading man? (Both appear in a new color "epic.")

4. Your movie news: (a) What "ideal" movie marriage recently hit the divorce court? (b) What gangling star's number was drawn in the first draft quota? (c) What blonde comedian's?

5. About the new pictures: (a) What lanky hero loses the girl but gets the criminal in what adventure melodrama of the north? (b) What movie combines elements of "It Happened One Night" and "A Farewell to Arms" in a modern European war setting? (c) What movie has a climax built on mistaken identity?

Count 20 points for each question correctly answered. A score of 60 is good, 80 is excellent and 90 or above is colossal.

(Answers on Page 8)

Greeks Blasted

Italian Fliers Bomb Line Of Advance

OHRID, Yugoslavia—(AP)—Italian planes heavily bombed Greek positions in Pogradetz and on the northern sector of the Greek advance line in Albania Saturday, causing heavy explosions which border reports said might have been ammunition dumps.

Reports heard in this frontier town said damage was heavy in Pogradetz, which was captured by Greeks November 29.

The Greeks were said to be gaining some local successes in the northern front despite the bombings, and British and Greek planes bombed the Italian supply line on the Pogradetz-Elbasani Road.

Lord Lothian's Body Will Remain In U. S.

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The ashes of Lord Lothian, Britain's wartime ambassador to the United States, will repose indefinitely in a vault in Arlington National Cemetery, on a green Virginia hill sloping gently upward from the Potomac.

The State Department officials said the ashes would remain "for an indefinite period until arrangements can be made for final disposition."

'POSTER WAR' HITS NORWAY

Nazis Set Up Camps As 'Education'

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Scandinavian wireless Saturday night attributed to the newspaper Social Democraten reports the Norwegian government of the Nazi Vidkun Quisling had officially acknowledged the establishment of concentration camps to "educate" masses of arrested Norwegians.

This, it was stated, was "regarded as Quisling's final attempt to show his N[illegible] master that he is able to force the Norwegians to accept the Nazi yoke.

". . . Nevertheless the distribution and posting of anti-Quisling posters is assuming such proportions that special squads of poster removers are unable to keep pace with the posterers," said the radio.

". . . . It is generally believed that if Quisling is ousted the Nazis will abandon the fiction of a national government and declare a protectorate."

Dallas' Air School Moved To Brady On Suggestion Of Army

DALLAS—(AP)—Training of army air corps cadets at the Dallas Aviation School will end soon and the school moved to Brady, Tex., Major Bill Long, president said.

"The army has as good as told me to move the site for training cadets away from Love Field. That's all there is to it," he said.

Long will leave for Brady Monday to consummate a $300,000 investment in a 500-acre tract, that lies two and a half miles east of Brady, on a ten year lease.



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Billing And Cooing Fills McAllen C. C. Annex As Pigeon Show Opens

McALLEN — The new McAllen Chamber of Commerce annex sounds like a city park in the moonlight these days, with all the billing and cooing going on there.

The softly muted sounds come from the proud throats of 300 Modena pigeons—prized exhibits of about 45 national breeders at the first and largest Modena show ever staged in the United States.

From coast to coast—12 states in fact—the dainty show birds have been shipped into the southland here to be shown at the two-day even which opened Sunday at the chamber annex.

It is the first time, too, a showing of highly bred pigeons has ever been held in the Valley. Breeders and sponsors of the show, anxious that the public acquaint itself with their little winged lovelies, have thrown the show open without admission. The birds will be housed at the chamber building until 6 p.m. Sunday. Judging will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday when 60 certificates and four silver trophies in addition to merchandise prizes donated by co-operating McAllen merchants will be distributed.

R. A. Hancock, McAllen, is in charge of local arrangements.

The crowd seeing the display Saturday was amazed at the wide range of colors the pigeons sported. While officially the colors are listed as silver, red, yellow, black, white and so on—there are unusual combinations of two and three colors. The yellow birds are tones of honey beige; the silver birds have fall time tones of green and burgundy in the collars; the whites are the depth of snow tones and the blacks are so black they are almost blue.

A group of breeders is expected to be on hand Sunday. All walks of life are represented among the men whose avocation is raising pigeons. There is an oil man, a ship channel captain, lawyer, doctor, contractor, salesman, policeman and Hidalgo county's sanitarian, Bob Hancock.

All will be on hand Sunday to show visitors the display and answer any questions.

Chamber officials were making tentative plans Saturday to sponsor the show as an annual event here.

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Beauty in an iron? Yes, and speed, light weight and freedom from handling cumbersome old-style irons. Sunbeam Ironmaster sells for $8.95 cash or $1.45 down on terms.



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Many kitchen jobs done efficiently and speedily with new model Sunbeam Mixmaster. $23.75 cash; terms, $2.75 down.

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Your favorite blend tastes perfect when properly brewed in this electric percolator that sells for only $5.95. Graceful design, built to stand the gaff of daily use. $1.35 down on terms.

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Just about tops for stunning appearance is this Sunbeam Coffee Maker in shining chromium at $16.00 or in glass at $3.95. Buy either on terms at CPL, and you'll surely pick a lovely gift.





CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

Radio Training Booms

Scores Of Valley Youths Get Instruction; Stations Are Built Along Border

McALLEN—The war department has called upon 5,000 youths to learn radio communications under America's far-flung national defense program, and scores of those youths will receive their training in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

The government's plan has two purposes: To train youth in technical trades and to build up an army of radio operators to serve this country's armed forces if necessary.

The National Youth Administration has charge of the work and has already inaugurated the program in the Valley.

H. C. Green of McAllen, district supervisor of the NYA, today detailed plans for the project, which ultimately will blanket South Texas with a system of short wave stations available for any emergency.

Amateur stations are to be established at McAllen, Harlingen, Brownsville, Laredo and Kingsville. Portable units will be set up in other cities between Laredo and Brownsville and as far north as Corpus Christi.

Code transmitters operated by NYA students may be installed at Forts MacIntosh, Laredo, Ringgold, Rio Grande City and Brown at Brownsville, Green said.

Two of the amateur stations are already in operation. The McAllen station, W5JEG, situated at the municipal airport, has been on the air for several weeks. W5JEH at Harlingen, located in the new municipal radio building at Fair Park, was completed the other day.

A powerful commercial transmitter also is being built at Harlingen to serve the entire Valley as a police radio which will be available to all law enforcement agencies. A license from the Federal Communications Commission is being awaited before regular broadcasts start.

Ten students are now receiving instruction in radio construction, operation and maintenance at the McAllen airport under Charles Martin of Edinburg Junior College. The youths are taught both code and voice transmission.

Green said night classes probably would start soon to provide training for persons of all ages interested in radio communication. Applications for joining the classes, which are free, may be made with Green at the McAllen NYA office or with Martin at the airport.

The district supervisor has had conversations with the commanders of the three border army posts relative to the code transmitters, but plans have not yet been completely developed. The sets would be installed and operated by NYA youths for army communication. Enlisted men interested in radio also would receive instruction.

"There is a need in the army and navy for trained radio men," Green said. "Those who know code can step into important places in the national defense program."

Gift A Day



HERE'S a Christmas gift, gay as holly berries. It's a cap and muff set of bright red wool to give a festive touch to her plain wool school coat. The cap fits her head as closely as a skull cap in the back and is crowned in front with a circle of yarn pompons.

LEGION POST GIVES PIANO

Flags, Table And FD Picture Asked

BROWNSVILLE—The John Hanson American Legion Post No. 43 has donated a piano to the new Y.M.C.A. recreation center for enlisted men of Fort Brown here, according to Edward Hearne of Melrose, Mass., who is supervising the center.

Hearne asked for donations of Texas and United States flags, large library tables and a picture of President Roosevelt.

Bernie Kowalski has donated a large Christmas tree to the center, and Hearne asked citizens to donate ornaments for the tree. He also issued a request for books for the Y.M.C.A. library.

An electric sign has been erected at the building by the Gateway Sign Co., and the pole on which the sign hangs was donated by George Samano, who also gave an electric clock, some tables and several other articles.

Stationery and advertising cards were donated to the center by Skelton Bros. Printing Co., Bishop Printing Co., and Brownsville Printing Co.

Corporal Martin Rudy, who is on furlough from Fort Brown, is painting the interior of the building with paint donated by neighboring dealers and by the American Legion Auxiliary.

A large Persian print was donated by Gladys Andreas to decorate the walls, Hearne said.

Large numbers of enlisted men are visiting the center nightly to read magazines and books, write letters, and to play various games donated by local businessmen.

Errors Are Left In Charts Of U. S. Navy

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The load imposed on the navy's hydrographic office in producing charts for the expanding navy has resulted in a definite lowering of standards, Capt. G. S. Bryan, chief hydrographer, reported.

"The large increase in the output of charts," Capt. Bryan said in his annual report for the fiscal year 1940, "has been accomplished only at the expense of omitting numerous corrections to them. It has been necessary to concentrate on quantity and to accomplish this, only those corrections important or necessary to proper safety were placed on the charts."

Balanced Budget Is Avila Camacho Aim

MEXICO CITY —(AP)— President Avila Camacho's administration intends to balance outgo with income in the 1941 budget, but will finance major public works with medium term loans, a responsible source reported. No deficit is anticipated.

This source said a large-scale program of dam and irrigation projects, highway construction, improvements to the national railways, seaport developments and defense bases was contemplated.

Two Fliers Killed In Training Plane

SAN ANTONIO—(AP)—The crash of a training plane nine miles south of Comfort in a fog Friday brought death to Lieut. Theodore D. Deweese, Jr., 22, of Cleveland, Tenn., a Kelly Field instructor, and Cadet David W. Davis, 21, of Livingston, Wis.

EVERHARDS HOME

PHARR—Mr. and Mrs. Clay Everhard have returned from Sarcoxie, Mo., where they attended the funeral of Mr. Everhard's mother who passed away at her home in Arriba, Colorado.

Latin Accord

Argentina, Uruguay Pair On Defense

COLONIA, Uruguay —(AP)— The Argentine and Uruguayan foreign ministers signed a joint declaration here Saturday night advocating cooperation between their countries in preparing for any defense of the Americas against outside aggression.

Argentina, which has been aloof from defense consultations, evidently is ready now to join her neighbors in discussing "continental defense" needs.

GOP Head Cuts Ties With Willkie Clubs

NEW YORK —(AP)— Wendell L. Willkie sent word Saturday to the Associated Willkie Clubs of America that any future course adopted by the campaign organization should "very clearly be entirely free" of his political fortunes or those of any other man.

The former Republican presidential nominee sent his message through Oren Root, Jr., president of the Associated Willkie Clubs, meeting in a national conference called to map a general program of political action. Willkie himself expected to address the conference Sunday.

Military Data Said Stolen From Files

HAVANA, Cuba — (AP) — The United States embassy announced Saturday that the office of its naval attache had been forced "by known persons on the night of Nov. 30."

Rep. Alfredo Nogueira, head of a Cuban congressional committee investigating "fifth column" activities on the island, had said he had information that documents "which may have great military value" had been stolen from the United States naval attache's files.

Request Mexico For Mine Export Policy

MEXICO CITY —(AP)— Mexico's mining interests Saturday were reported urging President Avila Camacho's administration to make a frank declaration of policy with regard to the export of metals to Japan so that the industry might plan for the future.

Because of the European war, Japan is now Mexico's most important customer for lead, iron and mercury, all of which are essential war materials.

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QUOTA CREDIT IS DEFERRED

Army Count Finished Some Time In '41

HARLINGEN—Draft boards in all probability will not receive credit until next year for men already in the National Guard and other branches of the service when the selective service act was passed, it was learned here this week.

Various communities are to receive credit for enlistments in various branches of the service prior to passage of the compulsory training law but information received here indicates that a long time will be required because the War Department is preparing to take the count by individual questionnaires of all men in the armed forces. This will enable officials to determine the exact number from each county and in what draft board area they resided prior to volunteering.

In determining Texas' quota of 33,000 men up to June, 1941, the War Department estimated the number of the previous enlistments, basing their figures on records by states.

Quota 105,000

By population, Texas has been assigned a general quota of 105,000 btu from this figure were subtracted 11,600 National Guardsmen, and 61,000 men in the army, navy and marines.

Texas' first call of 1,573 was based entirely upon the proportional number of registrants in each local board area since the credits for volunteers was not available by counties.

"Debit and Credit"

When the War Department completes its individual counting of metn in the armed forces, the list will be forwarded by state headquarters to local boards which will then set up a "debit and credit" system.

In the system, local boards will not only credit their areas with men enlisted prior to registration but also current registrant-volunteers.

W. B. King Augments AP's Balkans Staff

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—(AP)—Headed for Budapest to augment the Associated Press staff in the Balkans, William B. King, former South Carolina newspaperman, sailed Saturday aboard the American export liner Exeter.

King formerly was capital correspondent for the AP at Columbia, S. C., whence was transferred to the New York cable department last November.

Million Dollar Fire Guts Defense Plant

HOBOKEN, N. J.—(AP)—Fire early Saturday destroyed the plant of the Condensor Service and Engineering Corp., active in national defense orders, with a loss estimated by the company spokesman at $1,000,000. One man was killed.

The dead man was tentatively identified as George Jacobs of Jersey City, night watchman.

Three Sisters Marry Soldiers Same Week

LEXINGTON, S. C.—(AP)—Three sisters—aged 15, 17, 18—were married here this week, each to a soldier stationed at Fort Jackson.

Each soldier hails from New England. The licenses were issued on the 26th wedding anniversary of the sisters' parents.

American Mail From East Said Censored

SHANGHAI—(AP)—British censorship of American mail bound for Far Eastern destinations was disclosed with the arrival of a Canadian liner carrying mail stamped opened and read by censor."

Canadian FIiers Form Foreign Legion Of The Air

By WADE WERNER
AP Feature Service

OTTAWA—Canada gradually is becoming a vast international training-ground for air offensives of the future.

Norwegians, Belgians, Dutchmen, Czechs, Poles and Slovaks are training here.

The fall of France and the air war over Britain hampered air-training in the United Kingdom. It finally was decided to move seven or eight United Kingdom air-training establishments to Canada.

Second Line Of Defense

So RAF centers—potential air bases—are being moved lock, stock and barrel. Ten thousand instructors, students and maintenance personnel gradually are re-establishing their schools on this side of the Atlantic, bringing much of their equipment.

Should Germany succeed in dominating the air over Britain, an important section of the United Kingdom's air strength would be on this side of the Atlantic. The transplanted RAF establishments are entirely independent of the Commonwealth training establishment already in operation as part of the Royal Canadian Air Force.



J. E. Reid, a Detroit (Mich.) student pilot in the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, receives instruction at Windsor, Ont.

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Transplanted Norwegians have their own air-training center at Toronto. In this "Little Norway," men who slipped through the German invader's net are being groomed for eventual participation in the air war against Germany.

Some of the planes they are using were purchased in the United States by the Norwegian government before the invasion. The camp was opened recently by General William Steffens, commander-in-chief of Norwegian armed forces in Canada.

Americans Enlisted

Many Belgians and Dutchmen already have enlisted in the Canadian armed forces. The Canadian government is cooperating with the exiled Dutch and Belgian governments in enforcing conscription of others of military age in Canada.

Plans to incorporate Free French forces have been held up because Canada still has relations with the Vichy government.

Many United States citizens, incidentally, are with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Canned Foods, Like Grapefruit, Tomatoes, Prominent On New Army, Navy Schedules

McALLEN—Canned tomato and grapefruit segments—two of the Valley's processed foods—will appear on the $750,000 daily menu for men called to service in either the army or navy under the national defense program.

And since an "army marches on its stomach," not much has been overlooked to assure enlisted men the kind of food that mother serves at home.

Such is the information F. A. Stare of Columbus, Wis., formerly owner of the Columbus Food Corporation, McAllen canning plant, disclosed while here on a business trip this week. Stare is one of 20 U. S. canners who serve as an advisory board to the purchasing divisions of the two services, faced with the problem of providing tasty, nourishing food for approximately 1,500,000 men—the total expected to be under arms by next June 1.

Eight million cases of canned foods will be consumed by the army and navy during the next year. It is a proven fact, Stare explained, that a man in uniform eats twice as much daily as his civilian brother.

At present Stare is serving with two other canners on a commodity committee, subject to call by the services' purchasing departments, to advise on ways and mean of obtaining such tremendous quantities.

In November the 20 canners met with service officials in an effort to streamline all purchasing so that canners when bidding may deal directly with the government instead of operating through "speculators" who frequently in the past have proven costly for the processers, Stare explained.

The menu for the army and navy—one-half of which comes out of cans—reads like a Child's Restaurant bill of fare. Canned food for the enlisted men and non-commissioned officers, will include pineapples, peaches, pears, salmon, peas, corn, tomatoes, string beans, lima beans and grapefruit segments. The officers' mess fares still better, with canned grapefruit, pineapple and tomato juice available to them at commissaries.

There will be no pork and beans—bane of the last war—Stare said. Pork and beans when part of the bill of fare will be baked from raw materials at the time of mess.

Stare left Wednesday night to return to his home in Wisconsin.

LUNCH SLATED FOR NEWSMEN

Highway Celebration Group In McAllen

McALLEN—The McAllen Chamber of Commerce will be hosts to newspaper men from outside the Valley who live on the Hug-the-Coast highway, and ranking state highway officials, at a luncheon at the Casa de Palmas Hotel here at noon Wednesday.

A bus load of newspaper men gathered from Orange to Raymondville will attend the Hug-the-Coast highway formal opening Tuesday. This phase of the celebration is in charge of Nat Wetzel pioneer road enthusiast of the Valley. Two or three highway engineers from Mexico may be included in the group.

The visitors will be shown through the McAllen Citrus Association packing plant and will visit the St. Clair Canning plant following the luncheon.

McAllen people or Valley people who wish to attend the luncheon in honor of the visiting newspaper men and highway officials may secure a ticket by registering with the McAllen Chamber of Commerce any time before 10 a.m. December 18. Tickets for all Valley people will be fifty cents.

Boy Hitch Hikes To Rose Bowl; Arrested

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Bent on attending the Stanford-Nebraska Rose Bowl football game, 16-year-old Homer Lundquist of Aurora, Neb., hitch-hiked here only to fall into custody of juvenile authorities because he was a minor and "broke."

The youth told Juvenile Officer Ray Lemon that he started from his family's 200-acre farm December 7 with $2. He arrived here with only 7 cents but had good luck in catching rides, he said.

He will be a guest of the city pending word or money from his family—or maybe some Nebraska alumnus here.

Guard Is Lauded

Valley Unit 'Tops' To Sen. Kelley

SAN BENITO—"The Company M boys have the nicest National Guard setup I've seen, and I have visited several," Senator Rogers Kelley said here Saturday night after he had been the guest at lunch of the National Guard company in camp here.

"The boys are well fed and well clothed," Kelley added, "and their morale is high. It is one of the finest companies in the Texas National Guard, and I think Captain Lew Williams has done a marvelous job. The boys all seem to think a lot of him. It's really a Valley company all right. I believe nearly every town here is represented."

Company M received word its members will get to spend Christmas in the Valley. They were to have gone to camp Monday, but received new orders to the effect they will leave about December 27.

Train Hits Auto At Crossing; Three Die

HAZEN, Ark.—(AP)—A father and his two small sons were killed instantly here Saturday when a westbound Rock Island passenger train struck their automobile at a crossing within a block of the railroad station.

The victims were Homer Clark, 40, rice farm worker, and his sons Ray, five, and C. W., two.

CALLED TO NAVY

McALLEN—Otis Wilkins, Valley Pipeline Company welder, has been called to report for duty as a machinist in the United States Navy Yard at Washington, D. C. Wilkins is scheduled to report for duty December 19.

NEW MACHINE FOR HELIUM

Short Cut To Liquid Gas Is Developed

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—(AP)—A Yale University scientist has developed a machine which he said would materially shorten the time and cost of making liquid helium, available in large quantities for experiments in the conductivity of metals.

Cecil T. Lane, assistant professor of physics, said that the increased supply of the liquid gas would also aid in studying its properties.

He explained that if it were possible to produce an alloy superconductive at ordinary temperatures, electrical power could be transported great distances with no waste.

Lane's machine, which he named after Peter Kapitza, the celebrated Russian physicist who invented it, cost $5,000, took three years to build and turns out a quart of liquid helium in two hours at a cost of $5 whereas heretofore the same amount cost $50 and required 24 hours to produce.

The apparatus has eliminated the necessity of using hydrogen, a highly explosive element.

TO SPEND WINTER

COMBES—Mrs. Omar Johnson of Hammond, Ind., will spend the winter with her son, H. O. Johnson, and Mrs. Johnson.

New Technique For Brain Surgery Lessens Time Of Operations, And Reduces Blood Transfusion Cases

LOS ANGELES— (AP) —A new technique for brain surgery developed here is credited by Dr. Rupert B. Raney with reducing the time of operations and the number of cases requiring blood transfusions.

Speaking before the annual meeting of the Los Angeles Surgical Society, Dr. Raney said brain tumor removals formerly requiring four to five hours could be completed now in 50 minutes to an hour and one-half. He added:

"Under the former method it was advisable to give blood transfusions in approximately nine out of ten cases, whereas now transfusions are indicated in only about one in five."

The procedure involves use of small spring steel clips for holding the edges of the scalp after incision, instead of forceps, he explained.

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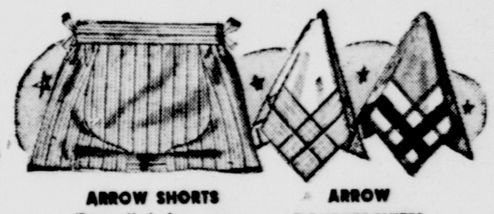




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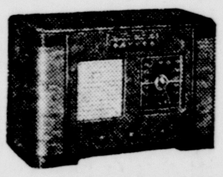
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Cameron County Agricultural Committee Remains Same For Year 1941

CHANGES MADE IN LINEUP OF LOCAL GROUPS

Communities Elect Seven New Men

HARLINGEN — The Cameron county agricultural conservation committee remained unchanged as a result of the annual election held here Saturday at which Mark F. Redford of Harlingen was re-elected chairman, J. R. Adams of La Feria, vice chairman; and Wilbur Wright of Brownsville, member. Carl L. Kaigler of Rangerville was chosen first alternate and J. P. Ellis of San Benito second alternate.

The county committee was chosen by delegates from the community committees.

Seven changes were made in community committees at elections held Friday night. The new members of community committees are W. F. Street at Brownsville, Carl O. Moore, Clay Mills and R. C. Carey at Harlingen, J. M. Saner at Rio Hondo, Lonie O. Moses at Los Fresnos and M. H. Scaief at San Benito.

Community Committees

Community committees for 1941 will be as follows:

Brownsville, Ferman G. Willis, chairman; Ottis W. Singer, vice chairman; W. F. Street, member; Miguel Fernandez, first alternate; W. L. Lipscomb, second alternate.

Harlingen, C. O. Moore, chairman; Clay Mills, vice chairman; R. C. Carey, member; James Marshall, first alternate; A. D. Perry, second alternate.

La Feria, Albert L. Bauer, chairman; Henry F. Harren, vice chairman; George W. Dewey, member; Royall H. Caldwell, first alternate; Lawrence R. Murphy, second alternate.

Rio Hondo, Emil A. Wick, chairman; J. M. Saner, vice chairman; Claude L. Day, member; Chester Grantham, first alternate; Curtis Kerr, second alternate.

Lupton Is Chairman

Los Fresnos, Harry M. Lupton, chairman; John F. Casey, vice chairman; Lonie O. Moses, member; Joe Frankie, first alternate; Ed Brown, second alternate.

San Benito, Carl L. Kaigler, chairman; Martin H. Scaief, vice chairman; Claude Shafer, member; J. C. Adair, first alternate; Ernest Long, second alternate.

Santa Rosa, George A. Eubanks, chairman; Homer W. White, vice chairman; Benjamin B. Ledbetter, member; Ira R. Elswick, first alternate and Murray Godfrey, second alternate.

Ladies Feted

McAllen Lions Stage Christmas Program

McALLEN—Seventy-five couples attended the annual Lions club Christmas ladies' night dinner meeting at the Casa de Palmas Hotel Friday.

With W. W. Dees as toastmaster an amusing program was presented, arranged by Jack Wilson, tailtwister, and Mrs. Faye Jones, club piano accompanist.

During a mock trial conducted by Bill Nolen and Arthur Lee Hart each man present was fined small sums on trumped up charges. Proceeds were turned over to the Salvation Army's Christmas basket fund.

Miss Dorothy Mae Murray played solos on the viola harp, flute and piccolo with Mrs. Jones as organ accompanist; the McAllen high school mixed chorus, directed by Mrs. Lester Barnum, sang a group of special numbers from a Christmas cantata.

Probers Challenged In Louisiana Graft

SPRINGVILLE, La.—(AP)—The constitutionality of the Louisiana Crime Commission, which has $500,000 to use in pursuing graft and recovering any monies it deems due the state, was challenged in the district court Friday.

The legal action was taken by George M. Wallace, as attorney for Dewey E. Rushing, resigned treasurer of Livingston parish, against whom the commission brought suit three weeks ago seeking to recover more than $70,000. Rushing resigned as treasurer November 1.

Methodist Church To Honor Visitors

McALLEN—The regular monthly "winter visitors' night" will be observed Sunday night at the services at the First Methodist Church at 7:30 o'clock.

Monthly the services on the third Sunday night are dedicated to the city's visitors, Rev. F. H. Hamner, pastor, explained. Roll call of visitors is taken to determine which state has the greatest number of representatives listed.

This week the program will be presented by the Methodist Church choir.

Counter Attack By Italians Is Claimed

ROME — (AP) — Italian counter-attacks along the Egyptian-Libyan frontier have lightened the pressure of the British drive westward the Italian high command declared.

Six Gloster (British) fighter planes were shot down in air fights in which the Italians lost no planes although some returned to their bases with some of the crew members killed and wounded, a communique said.

Golden Gate Bridge Is Tarnished By More Than A Score Of Suicides

By SAM JACKSON
AP Feature Service Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The great bridge across the Golden Gate, a $33,000,000 engineering marvel with the greatest single span in the world, is acquiring a grim secondary reputation—that of a suicide bridge.

Since the bridge opened in 1937 there have been 23 known leaps to oblivion. The state highway patrol estimates that there have been at least as many more which went undetected.

The famous Colorado street bridge at Pasadena, Calif., counted 79 suicides before a protective fence was erected in 1937. Since then only three persons have been able to make the plunge.

An Editor Died There

Suicides during the brief career of the Golden Gate ridge have included those of a wealthy newspaper editor, a woman globe trotter, a prominent educator and a retired army colonel.

Automobiles are not allowed to stop on the mile-long span even for sightseeing. Not infrequently a parked car has attracted patrolmen who either by persuasion or quick physical action could prevent the leap.

Pedestrians are allowed on the bridge, and on week-ends are numerous. This handicaps safety efforts, since the walk is guarded only by a waist-high railing. On many days heavy fog shrouds the bridge.

One woman declined to pay her pedestrian toll of five cents on the ground that she was not going clear across, that she was going to leap off. She was detained for mental examination.

The drop from the center of the bridge to the Golden Gate waters below is 220 feet. Physicians say a jumper is killed instantly by the impact—that he does not drown.

Coast Guard Seeks Bodies

The force of such a fall was illustrated when Ray Woods jumped from the slightly lower San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge in 1937 as a stunt. Though a professional high diver, and protected by helmet and girdl , Woods broke his back and was pulled unconscious from the waters.

The coast guard searches for bodies of Golden Gate suicides but in many cases the tide carries them out to sea.

Numerous perosns have left instructions that their bodies be cremated and the ashes strewn from the bridge. The police will cooperate in this.



A drop of 220 feet has lured to the Golden Gate bridge at least 23 persons who could not wait for death. The impact kills them; they do not drown.

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King, Queen Comfort Homeless After Bombings, Writes English Friend To Mercedes Resident; Many Are Killed

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MERCEDES — The king and queen visit scenes of German air raids and comfort the survivors, says a letter from England received here by Mrs. D. Karst this week.

Text of the letter follows:

My Dear Nellie:

Just a few lines to you hoping they will find you and your husband quite well as I am glad to say we are safe and well at present. We are sending you a small gift for Christmas and we hope you will have a nice time. I'm afraid it will be a very sad Christmas for a great many people here in the old country for there are so many that have lost dear ones through this awful war. Our native town has been bombed twice since I wrote to you last. You know the town I mean but of course I can't mention names.

Body Found Days Later

Two people from here were killed. A husband and wife went shopping and her body wasn't found for four days. I expect you remember her as a girl, Flossie Palmer. They live the last house up Ham Hill. They had no childern. A Stoke girl living in the same town lost her boy and some people from a village about one and a half miles from here were blown to pieces. There were three of them, a husband, wife and their little child besides lots of others.

They bombed a lovely city this week up in the Midlands and there's about 1,000 casualties, and the beautiful cathedral is down to the ground. Hospitals, schools and poor peoples' homes. It's too awful for words. I don't know what that dreadful man and his gang ought to be done with.

Our king and queen are just wonderful. They go all over the place to see for themselves the awful damage and speak kind words of comfort and cheer to the people that have lost their homes and their loved ones. The doctors and nurses and other workers are doing splendid work amongst it all.

Don't Go Too Far

I am thankful to say we have escaped so far but one never knows and we are afraid to go far from our village. . . . We don't get a great many to chapel at night because of the blackout and lots of the young men are called up.

We were ever so glad that Mr. Roosevelt got in again as he is a tried man and we know he will do all in his power to help our country. We do hope your sister and nieces in London are still safe and well. . . .

There are lots of evacuees from London in this village . . .

From your loving friends,
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Valley Beautiful

DORMANT PLANTS

By GEORGE H. PLETCHER, Jr.

TREES and shrubs dropping their leaves in the winter are called dormant and are in the deciduous classification. Plants of this type should be transplanted only during the time they are bare of foliage.

To transplant dormant trees and shrubs, it is not necessary to move a large ball of dirt with the plant, but a few simple rules can be followed ith excellent results. First dig the plant leaving as many roots as possible, then be very careful that they are kept moist until replanting. Remember it takes only 20 minutes exposure to damage bare roots. To plant a dormant shrub, dig a hole of sufficient size to spread the roots carefully in as near the same position as before digging. Press the soil in firmly and water the plant thoroughly. It is not necessary to keep the plant muddy but moist. Leafing will not start until spring.

Shrubs of this group are crepe myrtle, althea, rosebushes. Trees loosing their leaves are ash, chinaberry, mesquite, retama, willow, mulberry and tallow etc.

The months of dormancy varies according to the temperature. All of the above become dormant here, with the exception of the rosebush of which is listed because the dormant rose bush is so well known, being shipped in from East Texas. Their care in planting is especially important for good results.

Next week—Use of flowers and berries for the Christmas table.

Col. Donovan's Mum Enroute To London

LISBON, Portugal—(AP)—Col. William J. (Wild Bill) Donovan, en route to Europe on a mission that has not been publicly explained, arrived here by airplane late Saturday.

He declined to discuss his trip in any way save to remark:

"I am hoping to go to London."

Among the other passengers was a British diplomatic courier.

Friday 13th Jinx!

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. — (AP) — That Friday the 13th jinx!

When stereotypers of the Albuquerque Journal put the final to bed at midnight, they found they had "lost" one page—page 13!

Christmas Greeting Too Much For Thief

NEBRASKA CITY—(AP)—Claude Kastner advertised in a newspaper: "I wish a Merry Christmas to the person that stole my coat."

Next day a parcel came through the mails. In it was the missing coat.

Students Of Home-Owned Institution Step Ahead

The joy of being placed in a position of trust and responsibility has come to the following young people who have recently completed their Training of Technical Skill and Business Efficiency in the Harlingen Business College:

Mr. Clare Shafer, San Benito; Miss Nina Ruth Gossett, Lyford; Miss Gloria Pena, La Feria; Mrs. Jean Newell, Harlingen.

A recent check-up finds each one progressing favorably.—Adv.

NEW TOURIST PARTY READY

McAllen Visitors Will Attend Program

McALLEN—Tourists of McAllen and neighboring cities will be guests at a special Christmas program to be presented by the Eva Ellen Miller Studio of Music and the Miller Violin Studio at Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 19. Accordions and violins will play the Christmas airs in special arrangements. The meeting will be the first night affair for tourists this season.

Monday at 9:30 a.m. the advance Spanish club will meet in Legion Hall and at 4 p.m. there will be a conducted tour to Reynosa, returning in time for the band concert at 7:15 and the religious parade at 8:15.

Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. C. E. Kerns will lead the motorcade to Raymondville for the celebration opening the new Kenedy county highway. At 9:30 a.m. the regular Spanish Club will meet in Legion Hall, followed at 11 a.m. by the Spanish Club. At 2 p.m., tourists will meet for games such as contract and auction bridge, pinochle, rummy and Chinese checkers.

Thursday at 7:30 p.m., the Miller Music Studios will entertain tourists at the first night meeting of the season with Christmas music. All tourists and winter visitors are asked to be present for the first roll call of states.

Friday at 9:30 a.m. there will be a meeting of the Spanish Club. At 11 a.m. Roy Johnston, All States Picnic president, has asked for a meeting of all local state presidents so that plans can be made for the All States picnic to be held in February in McAllen. At 2 p.m. the regular game party. At 9 p.m. there will be a dance for the tourists and their friends in the Schwingle Studio on South Broadway.

Nine Injured After Bus Falls 16 Feet

LAS VEGAS, N. M.—(AP)—Nine persons were injured shortly before midnight when a Greyhound bus plunged off a bridge 12 miles west of here on U. S. Highway 85.

The injured were brought to a Las Vegas hospital early Saturday.

Officers said the bus, of the small extra run type, dropped 16 feet into the Tectote Creek when it left the bridge, after averting a collision with an automobile.

LONG-STAPLE COTTON SEEN

Certified Seed Is Now Available Here

SAN BENITO—Some of the best state certified Sea Island cotton seed will be available for growers in this section this season, M. H. Scaief, secretary of the San Benito Gin Association, sponsor of the long-staple variety in the Valley.

The seed which will be distributed to growers here was grown under supervision of the experiment station at the University of Florida and will meet all requirements of the AAA program.

Scaief said Jack Lowrance, secretary of the Cameron County ACA, and members of the committee, had assured him of their co-operation in handling the long-staple this season. Cotton grown from state certified seed will not be required to grade one and one-half inches to be classed long staple provided it is ginned on a roller gin. Cotton not grown from state certified seed must measure one and one-half inches to be exempt from penalties.

The association ginned 70 bales of cotton last season, each weighing 300 to 400 pounds. Average price was 33 cents and some brought better than 34 cents, Scaief said. Experts declared it some of the finest grown. Some of the best yields were on the poorest types of sail that had proved almost unprofitable for growing short staple cotton.

Approximately $8,000 was realized in the San Benito community from the Sea Island last year, Scaief said, on the 70 experimental bales. The association will not handle the seed or cotton for a profit but as a service to interested farmers, the secretary said. Growers are urged to place their orders immediately, with deposits.

Day's Turtle Race Winners Announced

HARLINGEN—Thirteen winners in the turtle races held here Saturday under sponsorship of Day's Drug Store were announced Saturday night by H. E. Day, owner.

Of the many contestants, these received prizes: J. C. Lewis, Arthur Lozano, Donnie Means, Jack Grimm, Thomas Thompson, Mikey Thompson, Peggy Wyrick, Jo Ann Wyrick, Kyler Allison, Douglas Kelly, Clyde Kelly, Dorothy Denson, Dewit Paton.

German Funded Debt Is Said Much Higher

BERLIN—(AP)—The funded debt of the German Reich climbed from 33,600,000,000 marks to 37,700,000,000 marks between June 30 and Sept. 30, the ministry of finance announced.

During the same period the floating debt went from 22,780,000,000 to 28,330,000,000 marks. The ministry said the increase was due to issuance of the fifth and sixth issues of 1940 Reichs treasury 4 per cent bills and an increase in other loans.

Hours For Credit Bureau Extended

McALLEN—The offices of the Retail Merchants Credit Bureau at McAllen will remain open daily until 6 p.m. during the Christmas shopping season.

Mrs. Mary Combs, manager of the bureau, announced Saturday she was offering the service to the city's stores. The office will also be open next Saturday afternoon to assist merchants with credit reports.

St. Nick's 'Chute Drops Him On Roof

ROCHESTER, N. H. —(AP)— The fire department had to be called out when Santa Claus arrived in this city.

Descending in a parachute from an airplane, the good St. Nick made an unscheduled landing on the roof of a business block. Firemen, cheered by thousands of school children, brought him down over an extension ladder.

PASSES STATE TEST

MERCEDES—Donald Stotler, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Stotler of Mercedes, has received notice from the State Board of Embalming that he has passed the state examination given him by this Board recently.

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Garment Unionist Asks Renewal Of Old Contracts



David Dubinsky at Brownsville

BROWNSVILLE — Renewal of union contracts was the chief item on the mind of David Dubinsky, head of the International Garment Workers' union, as he paused here Saturday between planes at the conclusion of his "longest vacation."

Flying back to New York from Mexico City, Dubinsky said that renewal of contracts for 110,000 workers in eastern garment plants was coming up in February, and that was the major problem before him.

Dubinsky said he had been away from his desk for four weeks attending the AFL convention in New Orleans and attending the inauguration of President Avila Camacho in Mexico City. "That is the longest that I have been away from my work," he said, "and I am anxious to get back into action."

The labor situation in Mexico is caught in the cross-current at this time, Mr. Dubinsky believes, with a conservative administration likely to pull against the strongly pro-labor legislation fostered by the Cardenas administration.

All in all, he believes that the Mexican labor situation is "pretty good," but he expects the new administration to swing "too far to the right."

Dubinsky has led the reform movement in the ranks of AFL and at New Orleans sought to oust "undesirable" elements. He vigorously attacked AFL officials with criminal records and as a result was attacked in a New Orleans hotel. He was not seriously injured.

Dubinksy spoke in San Antonio before the ILTW Saturday afternoon before taking another plane for New York.

His daughter, Jeanne, is remaining in Mexico City for several weeks in continuing her vacation, Mr. Dubinsky said.

TEXAS DEBATE CLINIC ENDS

Three Schools Sweep Honors At Meet

AUSTIN —(AP)— Baylor, Texas Christian and Southern Methodist Universities swept honors in a six-way inter-collegiate debate clinic ended at the University of Texas Saturday.

Best individual speakers on the affirmative were Arthur Norris of T.C.U., first; Jack Shackelford of Baylor, second; and P. D. Williams, Jr., of S.M.U. third. Honors for negative debate went to Rufus Garrett of T.C.U. first; Ben Ramey of S.M.U. second; and Lester Kaminsky and Calvin Mansell, both of Baylor, tied for third.

Subject was on increased resources taxes for Texas. Other competing schools were Kansas, Texas and Wichita Universities.

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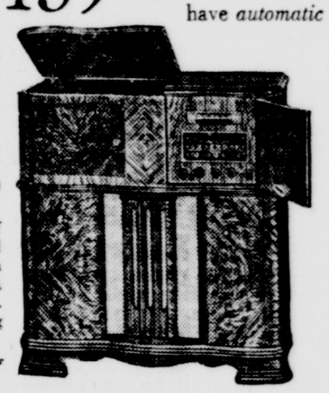
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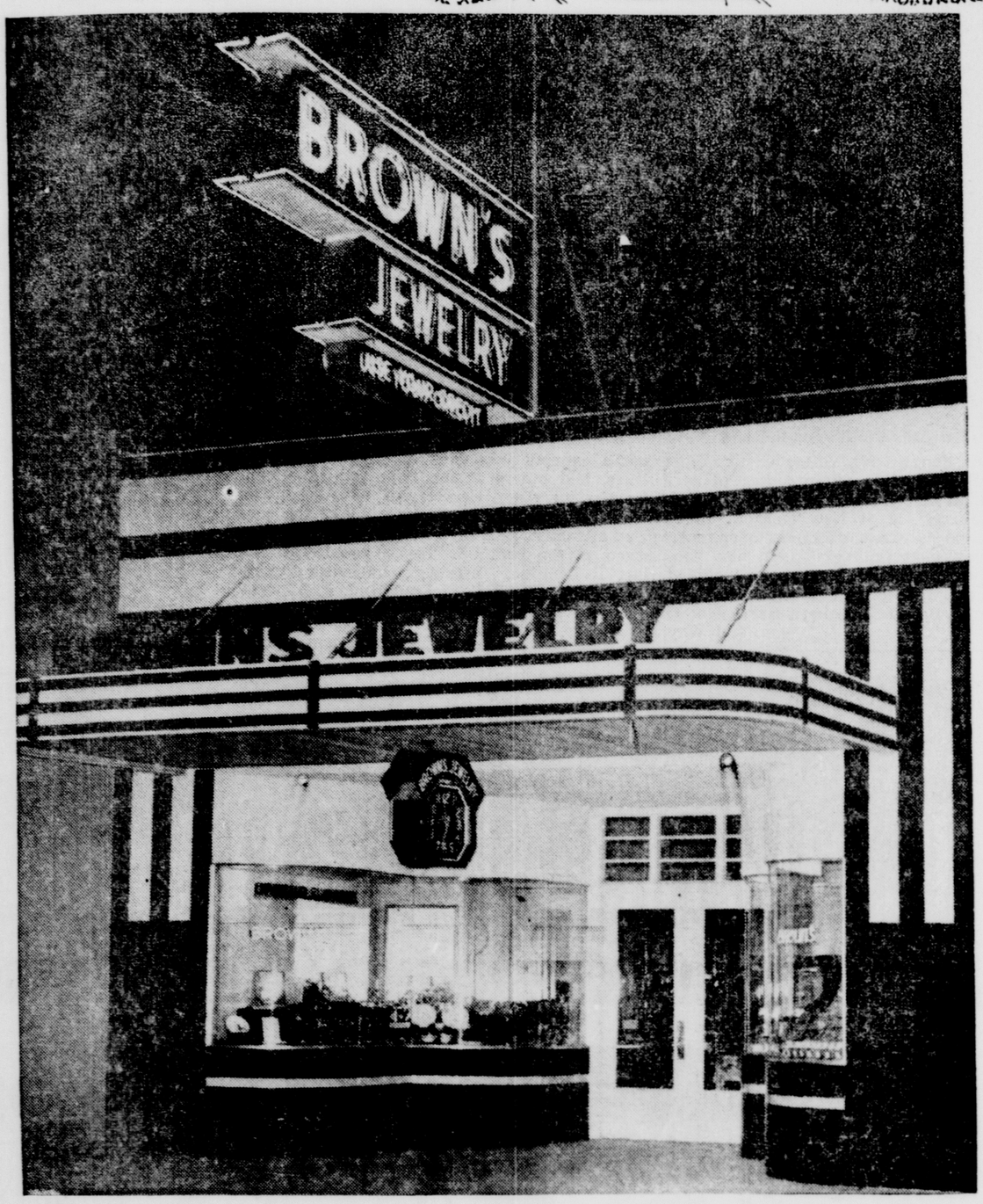
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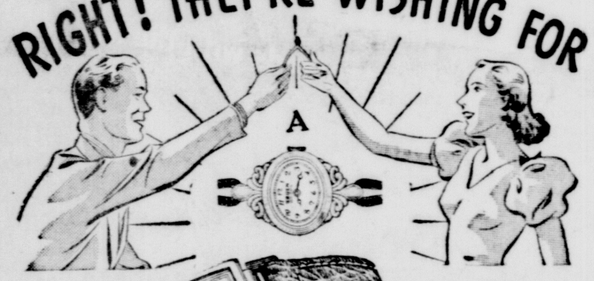
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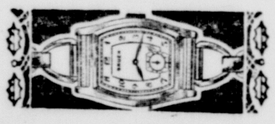






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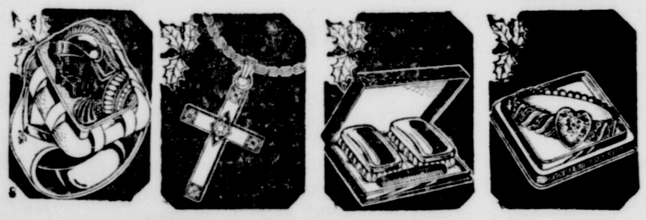
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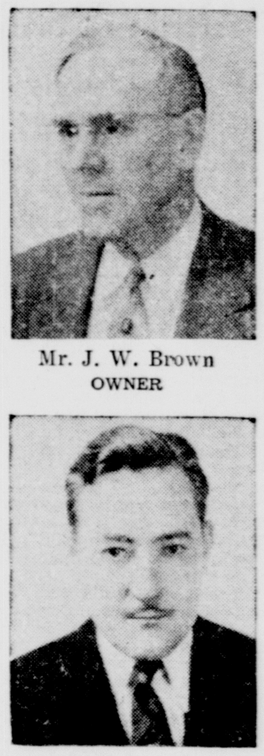
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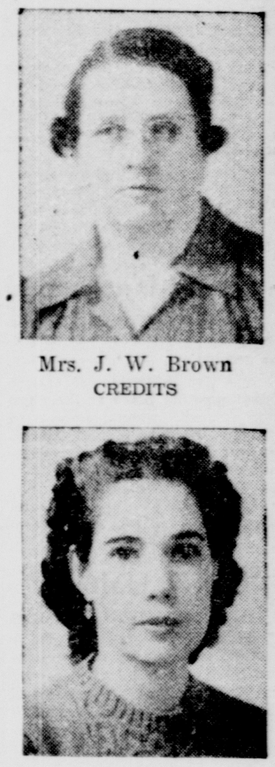


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SOIL CONTOUR WORK STARTS NEAR LA JOYA

Milton West's Farm Being Terraced

EDINBURG — A major contour terracing demonstration has been launched on a 150-acre section of the 700-acre ranch owned by Milton West in western Hidalgo county, J. A. Oswalt, Hidalgo farm agent, said Saturday.

Principal purpose of the work will be to show that such terracing on brush land will not only conserve rainfall but in time will result in the resodding to grass of much pasture land now bare, Oswalt said.

Eighteen contour lines 500 yards in length each, and eight lines 600 yards long, have already been run. A caterpillar tractor and grader owned by the county is being used under the direction of County Commissioner W. H. Douglass. The work is in the nature of an experiment but is more a demonstration, Oswalt said, since earlier experiments have proved that the system will succeed.

Thousands of acres of brush land in the county, the agent declared, could profitably undergo such improvements.

The West ranch, located four miles north of the big red La Joya school on the highway in western Hidalgo, has considerable rolling land, some of it with a grade of as much as four per cent. The new contours are being graded up with a 12-foot base and are 24 inches high.

Farmers or ranchers interested in the West ranch work may see it, Oswalt said, by turning off the main highway at a cattle guard about a quarter of a mile west of the school house and driving straight north about four miles.

One other terracing demonstration of a major nature has already been completed in the county. This is on the Henry Goedrich farm in the McCook district north of Mission. The big field not only has its terraces up but its rows as well, and much of the recent moisture which fell there has been conserved.

Oswalt estimated that, because of the contour of the ranch land on the West project, not more than 10 per cent of a recent five-inch rain in that area was actually conserved on the land and soaked into the soil.

West has agreed to keep his cattle off the demonstration tract for a year's time, thus giving the grass roots sufficient time in which to re-sod the land. After that, the terraces will continue to conserve moisture and keep the tract in good pasture condition.

New Mexico Cold

Sub - Freezing Mists Ice Storm Threat

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—(AP)—Below freezing cold and an icing mist spread over parts of eastern New Mexico Saturday night threatening a repetition of conditions which resulted in a disastrous ice-storm there and in the adjacent Texas Panhandle last month.

From Clayton in the extreme northeast corner to Clovis midway down the eastside, came reports of fog and mist amid icing temperatures. Clovis reported 20 degrees Saturday night.

Icing conditions on highways were blamed for several accidents with minor injuries to 10 persons near Clovis and 14 near Las Vegas and Raton in northern New Mexico.

Houston Man Named Opthalmists Chief

FORT WORTH—(AP)—Dr. E. L. Goer of Houston was elected president and San Antonio was chosen the 1941 meeting place at the close of the fifteenth annual session of the Texas Ophthalmological and Otolaryngological Society here Saturday.

Dr. Burbank Woodson, Temple, was named first vice president and Dr. P. W. Malone, Big Spring, second vice president.

Oil Traffic Halted On Account Of Fire

BUCHAREST, Rumania—(AP)—A communique issued by the Rumanian railroad said all traffic in the oil district between Ploesti and Buzau had either been suspended or rerouted because of the destruction of railroad lines over a bridge as a result of an oil pipeline fire.

The communique said the traffic will be interrupted five or six days.

Japanese Allowed One Towel Yearly

TOKYO—(AP)—Japanese will have to get along on one towel a year, starting in January, under a rationing system decreed by the ministry of commerce, Tokyo newspapers reported.

A ration card system already is in effect for bleached cotton and infants' underwear. Stricter rationing of gauze, absorbent cotton and condensed and powdered milk also is imminent, the press said.

More Men In Arms Means More Arms To Tattoo



F. L. Maranville explains for a fair client some of the equipment in his tattooing shop

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AP Feature Service

SAN FRANCISCO—Defense and conscription promise a boom for one of the oldest of arts—tatooing.

Already F. L. Maranville, who has set up shop near fast-growing Camp Ord, reports business is improving.

Young army recruits reinforce their patriotism by having Old Glory or the American eagle imprinted on their skins for life. Sometimes more tender sentiments rule, and they decide to go to battle—if battle comes—bearing an ornamental tribute to "Mother" or "Sweetheart."

This is all very cheering to Maranville, who takes pride in his profession and regrets that in recent years so many Americans have managed to get along with their skin plain and unadorned.

"The social security law helped some," he relates. "People had their numbers tattooed, and you'll admit that is a very safe and dependable way to keep them."

Tattooing has not changed essentially in centuries except for the invention of the electric needle, which works up and down, pushing ink beneath the skin. A practitioner like Maranville carries stencils of hundreds of designs. If you have some original idea of your own he'll draw it up to order.

Maranville's own back is covered by one of the favorite and most pretentious religious designs, "Rock of Ages."

Maranville finds most men get their first design on an arm, while women clients usually start with a leg.

Barn Not A Nuisance, Judge Rules; Damage Suit Brought Against Stock Raiser Still Remains To Be Tried

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MERCEDES—C. D. Ripley will not be required to move his nice new barn north of here, application of his neighbor, Charles G. Jones, Jr., for an injunction having been denied by Judge W. R. Blalock in 93rd district court at Edinburg, but the question of alleged damages remains to be settled.

Jones filed suit contending that Ripley's barnyard and adjacent premises constituted a nuisance. He asked for a temporary restraining order at the preliminary hearing this week and for a permanent injunction upon trial of the case. Judge Blalock sustained a demurrer to the pleadings, denying the restraining order.

Jones asked for $6,000 damages in the event his plea for relief was denied and the suit for damages remains to be tried on its merits.

Robert E. Kirkpatrick of Mercedes represented the defendants and Kelley and Looney of Edinburg represented the plaintiff.

Ripley recently constructed a concrete floored barn adjacent to the house in which Jones resides and began raising livestock. Ripley himself does not live on the same premises with his barn.

STORE MARKS ANNIVERSARY

McAllen Jeweler Is Valley Leader

McALLEN—Brown's Jewelry is celebrating its second anniversary this Christmas season in its new modernistic store at 117 South Main street.

The first jewelry firm in the Valley to advertise time payments to customers, beginning that practice four years ago, Brown's has increased its stock four-fold during that time.

Today Brown's carries one of the largest—if not the largest—and most complete stocks of nationally advertised watches and fine diamonds in the Valley.

"You do not have to go to the large cities now to buy large diamonds," says J. W. Brown, owner, "because we carry loose diamonds from one hundredth of a carat to over 3½ carats in weight." Diamond prices at Brown's range from $1 to over $3,000.

Brown's buys its diamonds directly from cutters and importers and is able to match stones for rings, earrings and other settings in virtually any size.

The firm also specializes in mountings, carrying a large stock of both gold and platinum mountings, and Brown and two other expert jewelers do all their own mounting. Brown's repair department recently has been enlarged and new equipment added, making it one of the best equipped repair departments south of San Antonio. Among the new equipment is a "Watch Master" testing unit used by watch manufacturers for testing their new watches. This unit, costing $720, is the only one south of San Antonio.

Colorado Storm Toll Increased To Seven

DENVER —(AP)— An automobile crash death increased Colorado's storm and cold fatalities to seven Saturday and a fire caused $10,000 damage at Colorado State College as the Rocky Mountain region experienced its bitterest cold wave of the season.

Slain Tots' Mother Is Adjudged Insane

PRINCETON, Ill.—(AP)—Mrs. Agnes Borg, 35-year-old farm wife whose two children were found shot to death in their home last Sunday, was adjudged insane in the Bureau county court Saturday.

After hearing a medical report, Judge Horace Brown directed that the woman be committed to the state mental hospital.

Western Prince Is Reported Torpedoed

NEW YORK—(AP)—Mackay Radio reported it had intercepted a message from the Portpatrick, Scotland, radio station that the 10,926-ton British liner Western Prince had been torpedoed about 400 miles northwest of the Irish coast at 1:02 a.m., C.S.T.

Oilman At Hereford Succumbs Saturday

HEREFORD—(AP)—T. E. Seigler, 56, prominent oilman and rancher, died here Saturday. He came here in 1927 from Olney where he still maintained oil interests and also at Wichita Falls. He operated a large Hereford ranch and extensive wheat farms in this area.

GUEST FROM MISSOURI

SAN JUAN — O. V. Wager of Neosho, Missouri, paid a pleasant call at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Thompson Tuesday morning. Mr. Wager arrived Sunday morning and will visit in the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Shull, at Progreso, until next February. This grand old man of 85 years, is as "spry" as the average man at 60. He is a close friend of Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Corbett of Neosho, who are life-long friends of Mrs. Thompson.

Screen Test Answers

1. Helen Parrish, like Jane Withers, got her real start as the meanie foil to a sweet heroine—Jane to Shirley Temple, Helen to Deanna Durbin.
2. (a) Harold Lloyd. (b) Charlie Chaplin produced and directed "A Woman of Paris" but did not appear in it. (Adolphe Menjou and Edna Purviance did.)
3. (a) Fred Allen (Gracie). (b) Gladys Cooper (Gary). (c) Preston Foster (Robert Preston).
4. (a) Gail Patrick and Robert Cobb's. (b) James Stewart's. (c) Sterling Holloway's.
5. (a) Gary Cooper in "North West Mounted Police." (b) "Arise My Love." (c) In "The Great Dictator" Chaplin's barber is mistaken for Chaplin's dictator and thus is permitted to make a speech.

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TEACHERS ARE BOUND BY LAW

Like Pupils, Should Salute Flag

AUSTIN—(AP)—Attorney General Gerald C. Mann said in an opinion Saturday the board of trustees can discharge a public school teacher for refusal to salute or have proper reverence for the flag.

He cited a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States which held that the Minersville school district of Pennsylvania, could require pupils to engage in patriotic exercises and to enforce participation by expulsion for non-compliance.

"It is unthinkable that the courts would sustain such a rule or regulation as to the school children and deny its enforcement as to the teacher," Mann added.

Teachers Are Bound

His opinion was sought by the state education department which submitted a copy of a teacher contract made by the Amarillo independent school district. Mann declared the contract bound the teacher to observe all rules and regulations of the board of trustees and the board was given full management and control of the school district by the legislature in 1909.

As long as the rules are adopted and promulgated properly the board can require a teacher to salute the flag and may also exclude from school pupils who refuse to salute it, he said.

Citrus Shipped

Waco Orphans Home Gets Fruit

McALLEN—A total of 1,100 bushels of citrus fruit was forwarded to the Methodist Orphans Home at Waco by the Valley's Methodist churches last week, Rev. F. H. Hamner, pastor of the local church, announced Saturday.

All Valley churches were represented in the shipment. One freight carload was shipped with two truck loads, Rev Hamner said.

The fruit is sent annually at Christmas to the church home.

Army Standing Firm As Hillman Vetoes Contracts For Ford

WASHINGTON —(AP)— A protest by Sidney Hillman, labor member of the defense commission, failed Saturday to produce signs that the war department would withhold contracts with the Ford Motor Company involving about $2,000,000.

On the contrary, authoritative predictions were forthcoming that the contracts would be signed, possibly next week, regardless of the lack of stipulations that the Ford Company should comply with all federal labor laws and a controversy stirred by disclosure of Hillman's protest.

Sermons At Baptist Services Announced

HARLINGEN—Rev. E. Douglas Carver, pastor of the First Baptist church here, will preach on "Christ Or Chaos," at the Sunday morning service. Prelude will be "Temple Prelude," Dekrali; offertory will be "Cantabile e Mesto," Haydn, and the anthem, "That Glorious Christmas Morn," Price.

At the evening service Reverend Carver will use as his text "Sitting Down They Watched Him There." Music will include the prelude, "Pastorale," the offertory by Grieg, and the anthem, "A Christmas Carol."

Kingsville Dean Is Head Of Alamo Loop

DALLAS—(AP)—Dean L. J. Smith of Texas A. and I. College, Kingsville, Saturday was elected president of the Alamo Conference.

Dr. D. A. Shirley, dean at West Texas State, was named vice president.

Texas A. and I. asked to hold the tennis and golf championships at Kingsville in May but final action was deferred.



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Valley Fruit Gets Good Publicity



Fruit donated by Valley citrus shippers and canners was used effectively by J. E. McDonald, state commissioner of agriculture, and others at the twenty-third annual session of the National Association of Commissioners and Secretaries of Agriculture held recently at New Orleans. In addition to displays of citrus in lobby of the convention hotel, each commissioner received an attractive sack of Texas citrus and canned juice. Texas pink grapefruit also was served at the banquet. Texas people at the convention and shown above included Hart T. Longino, Harlingen, supervisor Texas-Federal Inspection Service; Mrs. Hart T. Longino; Mrs. J. E. McDonald; J. E. McDonald; Stanley B. Crockett, Harlingen; Mrs. Stanley B. Crockett; Jerry Mallory, Harlingen, and Wayne Fletcher, McAllen.

FLYERS MUST KNOW SPANISH

Air Corps Students Study Language

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—(AP)—Col. Floyd E. Galloway, commandant, has ordered every air corps officer at the Southeast Advance Flying School to enroll in Spanish classes.

Col. Galloway said classes would be continued until students become sufficiently proficient "to make themselves understood and to understand ordinary conversational Spanish."

Increasing relations with Spanish speaking nations have made it desirable, military authorities said, for air corps officers to master rudiments of the language.

Danish Children To Be Fed With Carrots

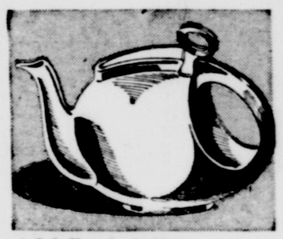
BERLIN—(AP)—DNB, official German news agency, reported Danish school children will be fed 4,000 tons of carrots to replace vitamins unobtainable because of the shortage of butter, oleomargarine and cod liver oil.

LEAVE FOR HOLIDAYS

PHARR—Wiley Slayton has gone to Neilsville, Wisconsin, to join his wife who has been visiting her mother there for several weeks. They will spend the holidays there.

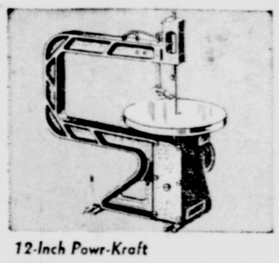
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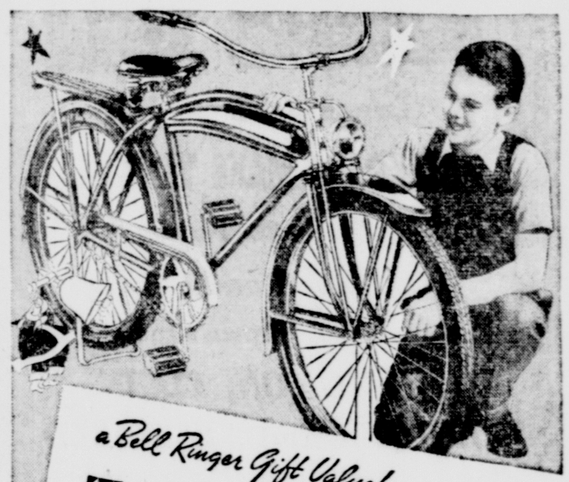

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DIAMOND LOOP OF LONG AGO NOW FINISHED

Hug-Coast Highway Is Final Link

RAYMONDVILLE—When Raymondville's big Road Opening Celebration is staged on December 17, it will mean the completion of not one, but two long sought highways for South Texas.

True, most people who come to the celebration from upstate points will think of the fete as observing completion of the Hug-The-Coast Highway and its famous last link, the Kenedy County Road. To many the chief significance of the Kenedy road completion will be the shortening of motoring distances between the Lower Rio Grande Valley and such points as Houston, Corpus Christi, Galveston, Orange, and such other cities as San Antonio and Austin.

But to Valley and Southwest Texas folks it will mean also the completion of another roadway which has been a goal of highway workers for the past 27 years. It will mean the old "Diamond Loop" highway has at last become a reality.

Still See Emblem

On December 17 in Raymondville numerous cars will be seen on the streets bearing the Diamond Loop emblem, which former members and boosters for the Diamond Loop Highway Association will have dug out of their attics and old trunks to put on their cars in celebration of the completion of this highway.

The Diamond Loop, as originally laid out, extends from the Valley to Corpus Christi, then to San Antonio, to Laredo and back to the Valley. Late in 1913, J. A. Graham, county commissioner of Cameron county, living in San Benito, proposed a highway from the Valley to Laredo along the Rio Grande river, then to San Antonio, with the idea in mind of attracting tourists to these scenic portions of Texas.

A year later, Mr. Graham made a trip over the proposed route to Laredo and on to San Antonio, and then recommended to the Texas Good Roads Association that a Loop Highway be built and be called the Diamond Loop Highway of Texas. Then on December 10 of that year, John W. Warren, president, and D. C. Colp, secretary, of the association approved the plan and promised to help organize such an organization and build the proposed highway. In the same week the Cameron county commissioners court approved the plan.

Conrad Laid Route

Verne L. Conrad, Brownsville engineer, laid out a route from the Valley to Corpus Christi through the sandhills of Kenedy County, this being six years before Willacy county was formed. Conrad selected a route nearly in the same location as that over which the Hug-The-Coast Highway link has been constructed.

Two of the men to whom the opening of the two highways will mean much are E. W. Archer of Lyford and Nat Wetzel of Raymondville, men who not only have worked for many years on the Diamond Loop and Hug-The-Coast highways, but who have been enthusiasts for all good roads campaigns for the Valley.

There must be considerable satisfaction for Mr. Archer in having these two long awaited roads completed. For, many years ago he made a one-man stand in Brownsville for concrete roads in place of gravel roads, that set the concrete pattern for roads in the Valley section. His spirited stand for concrete, made in the presence of many who advocated the cheaper gravel roads, made such a tremendous hit with all his listeners, that he was asked to incorporate the substance of his speech in a resolution favoring concrete. The resolution carried, and Cameron's first paving became concrete. Cameron County Judge Oscar Dancy has kept them concrete.

Nat Wetzel Leader

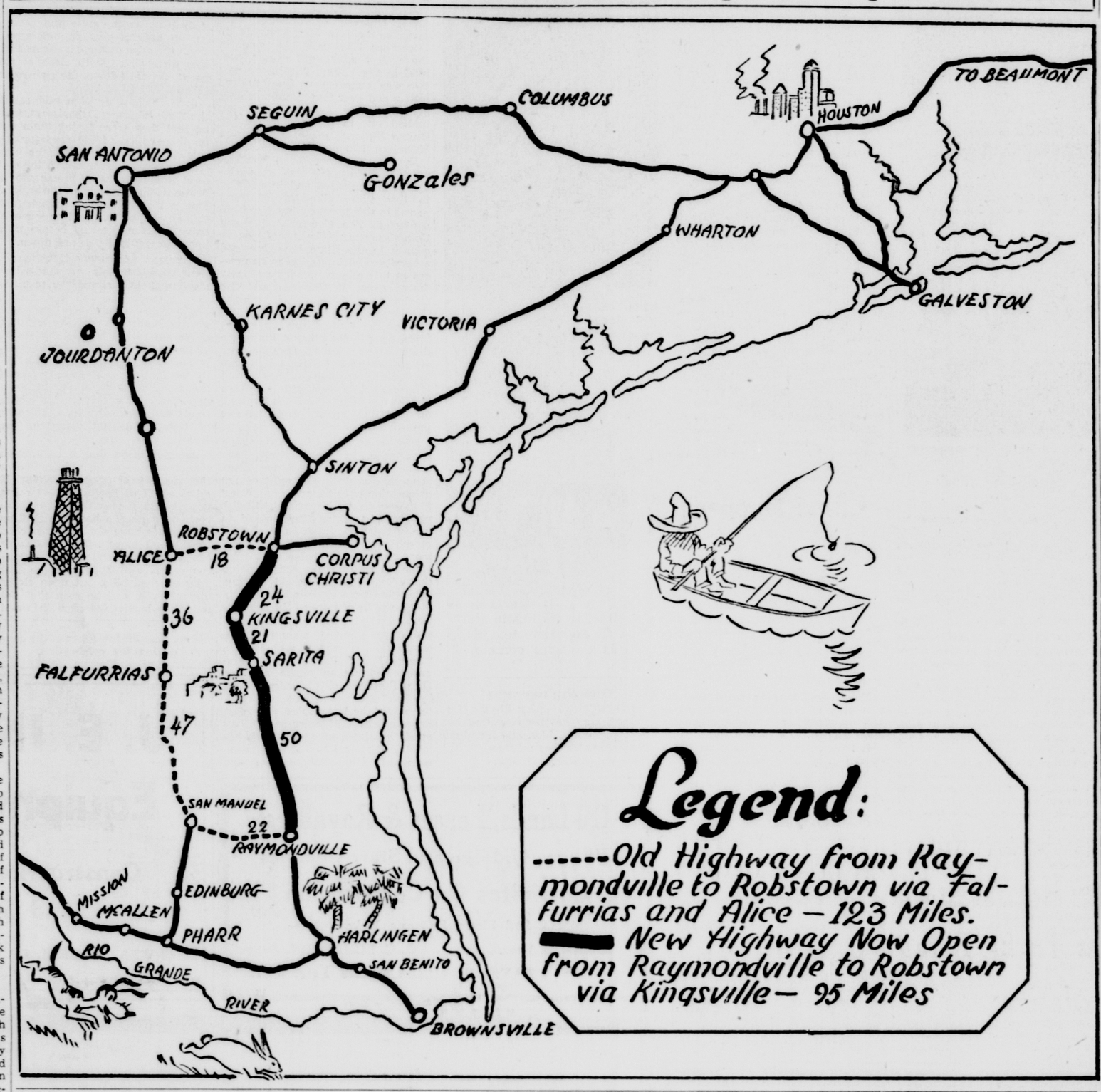
Later, when Willacy county was formed, Mr. Archer, whose home town was included in the new county, organized a committee to push for concrete roads in Willacy county. Nat Wetzel was elected president, with other members being Mr. Archer, C. E. Boner of Raymondville, Conrad Bostrom of Lyford and Karl Duddlesten of Sebastian, now of Raymondville.

This committee worked for good roads until a concrete road running from Raymondville north eight miles to the Kenedy county line had been built, completing a hard-surfaced road through the county. Then Wetzel continued the fight for the road through Kenedy county, though the committee has never disbanded. Mr. Wetzel has devoted major portion of his time and energies since that time and for many years before, to the eventual completion of a paved highway through Kenedy county, to complete the Diamond Loop and the Hug-The-Coast, and to give Raymondville and Willacy county a needed and deserved outlet to the north.

Mr. Graham and others who joined him in inaugurating the Diamond Loop idea in 1913 made numerous trips over the proposed route endeavoring to create enthusiasm and organize the communities to push construction of the loop. During April and May of 1915, Mr. Graham and D. C. Colp organized 13 local Diamond Loop Highway Association chapters. Mr. Graham was president of the San Benito association with Dr. A. C. Seiser as secretary. A. C. Burton was named president at Raymondville with Charles M. Kennedy as secretary.

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Hug-The-Coast Highway To Shorten Trips To Upstate Points



Snip Of Scissors To Open Kenedy Highway

Dream Of Generations Materializes Tuesday When Hug-The-Coast Highway Opens

RAYMONDVILLE—They're going to open State Highway 96—better known as the Kenedy county road—Tuesday, and the snip of a pair of scissors held in the hand of State Highway Commissioner Harry Hines will sound a new note of progress for South Texas when the ribbon he cuts falls away and opens the new road to traffic.

The snip of that pair of scissors will be a historic snip, for when the scissors close on the ribbon, completion of a 27-year-dream of a highway loop—the old Diamond Loop Highway Association's dream—will have been marked, the Lower Rio Grande Valley will have obtained a new—and its second—paved highway outlet to the north, the first state highway will have been completed across Kenedy county, one of the last in Texas to be traversed by the state highway system, and one of the most important highway-building projects ever planned by Texas Highway Commission engineers will have been carried to completion.

Started In 1913

It was in 1913 that J. A. Graham of San Benito, a Cameron county commissioner at the time, proposed a highway from the Valley to Laredo and thence to San Antonio, with the idea of attracting more tourists to scenic South Texas. In December, 1913, John W. Warren, president, and D. E. Colp of San Antonio, secretary, of the Texas Good Roads Association helped Valley interests organize the Diamond Loop Highway Association, and Graham employed V. L. Conrad, Brownsville engineer, to make the first survey of the Kenedy county section of the Diamond Loop. That was in 1915, six years before Willacy county was organized. A total of 13 Diamond Loop Highway local clubs were formed in various parts of South Texas.

South Texas old-timers and former Diamond Loop Highway Association members and supporters are expected to dig out the old association car emblems and sport them in considerable number Tuesday, because the Kenedy county road is the last link in the Diamond Loop—from the Valley to Laredo to San Antonio to Corpus Christi and back to the Valley.

State Highway 96 opens the eastern section of the Valley—Cameron and Willacy counties, in particular—to direct traffic with Corpus Christi, the great Coastal Bend and Houston. Heretofore, traffic from those cities could drive along the coast as far south as Corpus Christi and Kingsville, but then they were required to detour around Kenedy county, traveling west to U. S. 281, entering the Valley through Edinburg, then turning east once more to reach any destination east of U. S. 281. The 49-mile stretch across Kenedy county, directly connecting the southern and northern lines of Kenedy county for the first time, with a usable highway, will reduce the distance between Corpus Christi and the Valley 40 to 50 miles, or three gallons of gasoline and an hour's time.

Makes Modern History

This highway also made modern history, in addition to bringing a 27-year-long campaign for the Diamond Loop to a successful close. Probably no state in the union offers as many obstacles to successful road-building as Texas because of the wide range of its types of soil and its attendant problems as related to road construction. South Texas is no exception to the rule that even road-building problems are different from those of other sections of the state, but the Kenedy county road provided a problem different from any other in the entire county. The road traversed almost bottomless deposits of fine white sand. For centuries, apparently, the sand dunes have been blown inland from the Gulf of Mexico beaches. Building a modern road over a sand base has more than its ordinary difficulties. That's why the Kenedy county road is the first of its kind ever built in the United States and why it has become known as the Texas Highway Department's "soil stabilization project." Engineers took this fine sand, mixed it thoroughly with cement by adding a very small amount of water, spread the mixture on the road-bed under exact conditions, rolled it compactly before it could begin to "set up," then "sealed" it for four weeks to let it "cure" properly, finally topped it with asphalt. The mere listing of those details tells practically nothing of the many difficulties that beset engineers on this particular highway, but for the first time, the shifting sands of Kenedy county have been conquered. After the road was

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WILLACY IS DRESSED UP

City Preparing For Big Celebration

RAYMONDVILLE—Everything is ready for the big celebration of the closing of the last gap in the Hug-the-Coast Highway in Raymondville next Tuesday. The town began to take on a fiesta appearance the middle of the week. Store fronts began to blossom out in decorations, flags and bunting appeared over night on all of the business houses and streams across the streets have been put up and Raymondville is all dressed up for the celebration. Even the store windows took on a more Christmasy appearance and a feeling of fiesta began to circulate throughout the whole city.

Stands, booths and tables have sprung up on and near the athletic field where most of the entertainments will occur and where the multitudes will be fed. The carnival has arrived and set up its tents and stands and everyone has a smile of welcome on their faces and is ready to show the largest crowd ever assembled in any town in the Valley one of the finest days they have ever enjoyed.

Early Monday morning a large calvacade of cars will leave Raymondville on their tour of the Valley, advertising the celebration. It will be led by several cars of the Texas Highway Patrol and a large Missouri Pacific bus with the Raymondville high school band.

The schedule of the Valley tour is as follows and they want everyone in the Valley to meet them and then on Tuesday go to Raymondvilmle and enjoy the celebration:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Raymondville	8:00 a.m.
Brownsville	9:15- 9:30
San Benito	10:00-10:15
Harlingen	10:30-10:45
La Feria	11:05-11:20
Mercedes	11:45-12:00
Weslaco—Dinner	12:10- 1:00
K. R. G. V.	1:15- 1:30
Donna	1:45- 2:00
Alamo	2:10- 2:25
San Juan	2:35- 2:50
Pharr	3:00- 3:15
McAllen	3:25- 3:40
Mission	3:55- 4:10
Edinburg	4:45- 5:00
Edcouch	5:20- 5:35
Elsa	5:40- 5:55
Hargill	6:20- 6:35
Home.	

Austin Guard Unit Reaches Its Quota

AUSTIN—(AP)—An Austin company of Texas defense guards sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars has reached its quota of 64 enlisted men, Captain James Franklin Miller, commanding officer, announced Saturday.

Captain Miller said the unit's first and second officers were Lieutenants Henry Cain and A. Page Campbell. Weekly drills are contemplated.

Hondo Man Is Found Shot Near His Car

HONDO—(AP)—Alfred M. Finger, 48, former Hondo postmaster, was found shot to death near his car by the highway late Friday. Investigating officers believe that he had stopped to hunt game and his gun accidentally discharged as he attempted to remove it from his car. He was returning from his ranch at D'Hanis.

Pecos Driver Killed

SWEETWATER —(AP)— Grady Durbin, about 38, of Pecos was killed early Saturday when a truck he was driving collided with another car on U. S. Highway 80, five miles west of here.

NEW CACHET TO BE USED

Many From Mexico To Attend Fete

RAYMONDVILLE—The celebration at Raymondville next Tuesday is truly taking on an international aspect. Many friends from Mexico have written to the various committees stating that they will be at the celebration. V. Sabin, cachet director in his weekly report to the Steering Committee stated that his returns from the Cachet announcement were much larger than expected. Many notes of appreciation and interest having been received as well as requests for more information concerning the Rio Grande Valley and the highway. He further said that envelopes for Cachets had been received. In addition to this, interested persons in 32 states of the union had sent in envelopes to be cacheted. The largest bundle being composed of 24 from a gentleman in California.

The cachet will be printed in blue on the left hand side of the envelope. It will be 2 3-4 inches in diameter and circular in form, showing the Gulf coast area of Texas and the Hug-the-Coast Highway. It was designed by Mrs. Mary Portman of Raymondville, one of the Valley's better known poets and artists.

Those desiring cachets may send as many stamped and addressed envelopes as they desire to V. Sabin, cachet director, Raymondville, Texas, before December 17. There is no charge for this service, although during the day of the celebration Boy Scouts will have cachet envelopes on sale, the proceeds of which will go to the purchase of their individual uniforms.

Programs and a novel souvenir of the celebration have been prepared by Mr. Sabin, who is acting as publicity director the souvenir is a three-fold folder the cover showing a large map of the Hug-the-Coast Highway, while the interior of the folder gives the routing from the Louisiana line to the Mexican border in the Valley, and in lighter type points of historic interest and beauty along the route are mentioned and the shortest route to them is shown. On the last page of the folder is given information about the Rio Grande Valley, Willacy county and Raymondville, making it not only a unique souvenir but one of value to anyone contemplating using the highway at any time.

SLIGHTLY INJURED

SAN JUAN—O. S. V. Ross, who was knocked down by a car in Mercedes Monday afternoon, but save a few bruises on his hands, he is no worse for the mishap

There'll Be Something Doing Every Minute Of The Day; Elaborate Program Has Been Planned For Celebration

Bingo Game Slated; Bands And Food, Too

RANGERVILLE—The program for the celebration to be held in Raymondville Tuesday has been so arranged that every minute of the day has something doing, and most of the time it will be like a threering circus, the program starts at 9:30 a.m. and continues until after midnight. Features which are to be going on most of the day include the All Day Bingo game. Demonstration clubs exhibit, Monty the educated Belgian police dog, the Charro group from Brownsville and one of the largest carnival companies ever to set up in Raymondville.

Band concerts and music by at least six bands throughout the day. Parades of the various delegations headed by their own bands, big band parade at 10:00, rodeo parade at 1:30 with at least two bands participating, at 2:30 the rodeo will start at the rodeo grounds just east of Raymondville on Highway 186, the daughter of the late Tom Mix will be featured and many daring riders, and cow boys and plenty of comedy will give those interested a full afternoon of amusement. The San Benito band will furnish the music for the rodeo during the afternoon.

Free lunch and coffee will be served near the athletic field during the noon hour. During the afternoon at stated times there will be a wild animal act, trained elephants, etc. All of the entertainments throughout the day excepting the rodeo and carnival will be free.

At 6:45 the Vesper services of the First Methodist Church will ring out over the celebration. Arrangements have been made to broadcast the music from the organ to all parts of Raymondville

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Kansas Town Staves Off Xmas Blackout

COLUMBUS, Kan.—(AP)—The citizens of the southeast Kansas community of 3,280 donated enough money Friday to keep the street lights burning.

An economic blackout had been scheduled to start operating Friday night and for every night—through Christmas—the rest of the month because the light fund is in arrears.

Official Program

RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS

9:15 to 9:45 a.m.

Band Concert—Raymondville high school band, north of Magnolia filling station.

10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Band parade—All bands. Form at Third and Hidalgo avenue. Go east on Hidalgo avenue to Seventh street. South on Seventh street to athletic field.

11:00 a.m.

Arrival of Caravan from all towns along the Hug-the-Coast Highway at the Willacy-Kenedy county line, seven miles north of Raymondville on the Hug-the-Coast Highway.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

County Judge Chas. R. Johnson; Commissioners, Cleo Gilliland, R. D. Teague, Tom King, Cruz Williams and Roger F. Robinson.

Cutting of ribbon—Members of Texas Highway Commission, Brady Gentry, chairman; R. Lee Bobbett and Harry Hines. Music by Brownsville high school band.

11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ATHLETIC FIELD

Welcome address—Hon. W. H. Bostick, mayor of Raymondville.

Addresses by—Grady Gentry, R. Lee Bobbett, Harry Hines, Texas Highway Commissioners. Congressman Milton West, Congressman Richard Kleberg, Representative Rogers Kelley, Elmer Pope of Corpus Christi and others.

12:30 p.m.

Free lunch at athletic field.

12:30 to 1:15

Band concert—Fort Brown band at athletic field.

1:30 p.m.

Rodeo parade—San Benito and Lyford high school bands. West from rodeo grounds on Hidalgo avenue, (Highway 186) to Third street south on Third to Kimball. East on Kimball to Eigth street. Disband.

2:00 to 2:45

Band concert—Harlingen high school band at athletic field.

2:30 to 5:00

H. T. Cragg Rodeo—One mile east on Highway 186.

BARBECUE AND RODEO 75c

Featuring Ruth Mix Cragg, daughter of late Tom Mix. Music by San Benito high school band.

2:45 to 3:30

Band Concert—Brownsville high school band at athletic field.

3:30 to 4:00

Band concert—Lyford high school band at athletic field.

4:00 p.m.

Wild animal act—Trained lions (free). Capt. Alfredo Rousetta. Athletic field.

4:30 p.m.

Performing elephants on streets of Raymondville.

6:45 p.m.

Christmas Organ Vesper Services—First Methodist Church, Third and Hidalgo. Mrs. B. S. Wright, organist.

7:30 p.m.

Boy Scout Jamboree—Indian Fire Lighting Ceremony. Athletic Field. Admission free.

Court of Honor.

Recognition of Star, Life and Eagle Scouts for the year 1940.

1500 Rio Grande Valley Scouts to participate.

Arnold H. Dryer, district Scout executive; Ralph Cissne, field Scout executive.

8:30 p.m.

Free street dance—One block west of depot.

All-Day Long

Bingo games, Home Demonstration Clubs exhibits of farm and home products of Willacy county—South Seventh street.

Monty, the Wonder, trained Belgian police dog—On streets of Raymondville.

Charro Days sample, Brownsville, Texas—On streets of Raymondville.

WEATHER MAY BE GOOD, TOO

Expert Says Records Favor It

RAYMONDVILLE—C. E. Norquist, Meteorologist in charge of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau in Houston, informed members of the Committee that they had picked a very good day for the Celebration if the past record of the last ten years had anything to do with it. His records show that in the past ten years, on December 17, not a drop of rain has fallen in Raymondville. Five of the days have been clear, two have been partly cloudy and three have been cloudy. The maximum temperature has ranged from 49 degrees to 83 degrees, two of the ten days were in the 80's, three in the 70's with an average of 77.6 degrees. So the outlook in comparison with the past ten years appears to be very good for a wonderful day and a wonderful celebration.

Raymondville and the whole Valley are counting on the weatherman being correct.

Cotton Consumption In November Gains

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Census Bureau reported Saturday that cotton consumed during November totaled 744,088 bales of lint and 108,117 of linters, compared with 770,702 and 112,362 in October this year, and 718,719 and 91,271 in November last year.

Fifteen Years Ago Far-Sighted Willacy Woman Wrote Theme Song For Hug-The-Coast Highway; Used Now

RAYMONDVILLE — Fifteen years ago Mrs. Daisy Glick Stevenson, a long-time resident of Lyford, saw a glorious future for Willacy County; dreamed of a day when the Hug-the-Coast Highway would open up and people—seeking recreation and health—would come into the Rio Grande Volley through this gateway from all parts of the United States and Canada.

With a picture of this in her mind Mrs. Stevenson wrote a poem she entitled "Along the Bay" and set it to lilting melody. But though the Red Fish Bay Association was formed and a road opened to the Bay, the Hug-the-Coast Highway, for some reason or other, just didn't ocme through.

The song, published by a music company, was sadly tucked away with other dreams and memories and almost forgotten in the active life the author lived.

One day rumors of the opening of the highway were heard, but not much heed was given; for after fifteen years one gets used to rumors. And then came news of a definite date set for the occasion and suddenly Mrs. Stevenson thought of the song she wrote so long ago—the song with the lilting melody. Into the storage room she went and came forth with precious copies of "Along the Bay."

And now it is going to be used for the theme song of the Hug-the-Coast Highway Opening Celebration on December 17th. E. V. Rinner, director of the Raymondville High School Band is arranging it for his students, and the band, wearing their new West Point style uniforms of royal blue and French gray and bedecked with gold braid and buttons will swing down the street to its melody and throughout the day will feature this song dedicated by Mrs. Stevenson to the Hug-th-Coast Highway Celebration.

And Mrs. Stevenson who is an artist, poet and writer and vice president of the South Texas Composers and Authors Association smiles shyly and modestly says: "I want my song to glorify the Highway, and the Valley and the Composers and Authors Association."

SCOUTS HELP MAKE SHOW BIG SUCCESS

Dryer In Charge Of Elaborate Event

RAYMONDVILLE—One of the most interesting and spectacular events of the Hug the Coast Highway Celebration to be held in Raymondville on December 17 will be the Boy Scout Program. Arnold H. Dryer, District Scout Executive, and Ralph Cissne, Field Scout Executive, have been working on the program for the past two weeks, and they have visited most of the Scout troops in the Valley with the result that they feel sure this will be the largest Boy Scout gathering ever held in the Rio Grande Valley. S. E. Smith, Scout Master of the Raymondville Troop, states that from the replies to the letters sent out last week to all Valley Scout Masters, he feels assured that the number of Scouts who will take part will be close to 1500.

This is to be one of the free entertainments offered by the celebration committee and will be held on the Raymondville High School Athletic Field, and there is no doubt but that it will leave an impression on all those who attend.

Tents On Field

The plan at present time is that the tents of the Scouts will be pitched at the extreme west end of the football field. The platform on which the Firelighting Ceremony is to be performed will be in front of these. The Scouts will be formed in large circles, one inside the other, in the center of the field and the bleachers on both sides of the field will accommodate several thousand spectators.

Their program will start promptly at 7:30, as many will have quite a distance to drive in returning to their homes. First on the program is the Indian Firelighting Ceremony, which will be under the direct supervision of Ralph Cissne, Field Scout Executive of the Valley Council, and those who have seen this feature claim it to be one of the most impressive and inspiring spectacles they have ever seen. Following this, Mr. Cissne will narrate an Indian Legend, and he is able to hold spellbound, not only the Scouts but the older audience as well. His story telling ability is one of the things that has raised him to the high position which he holds in Scout work in the Rio Grande Valley.

Colors Presented

Following this will be the presentation of the Colors, which will bring every true blooded American to his feet with a thrill that he has not felt for years, when the massed bugles ring out "To the Colors." Each troop will give a short well planned stunt, song or yell just preceding the Court of Honor in which the Scouts of Willacy County will be advanced according to their proficiency.

Arnold H. Dryer, District Scout Executive, will then recognize and introduce all "Star," "Life" and "Eagle" Scouts of the entire Rio Grande Valley who have attained these ratings during the year 1940. Following this Mr. Cissne will give one of his famous One Man Plays in which it is said that he keeps everyone in a paroxym of laughter from start to finish. Next all Scouts will join in the song, "God Bless America" which was dedicated to all Boy Scouts of America by Irvin Berlin, its composer. Following this will be the Scoutmaster's Benediction and then "Taps" by the massed buglers of the Valley.

The Gulf Refining Company's sound truck will be used during this entire entertainment and the special lighting effects will be given to the Scouts by the Central Power and Light Co.

Charro Event Too

Another event on the days program will be the entertainments to be given by the Brownsville Boosters who will attend the celebration dressed in their Charro costumes and who will assist in the days celebration by giving their Charro songs, music and dances at numerous places throughout the day.

These beautiful and expensive costumes, worn by the Charros and China Poblanas, are in nearly every case copies of or the originals themselves. The copies have been made from old paintings and descriptions secured after many weeks of research. The hand work on most of these costumes is exquisite and fine and the closer they are inspected the more beautiful they become. Some of them cost into the hundreds of dollars and are treasured from year to year to be worn during the Charro Days Fiesta or Celebration, which this time will be held in Brownsville late in February.

Another feature on the program that will be seen from time to time throughout the day on the streets of Raymondville is "Monty" the wonder dog. Monty is a Belgian Police dog, nine years of age and is able to pick out of a crowd of a hundred or more any person mentioned. His canine intelligence is truly marvelous. In his past performances here in Raymondville we have seen him pick out a man by his name, his occupation, by an article he has in his pocket, by his nickname or in any other manner the "wise guys" can figure out. He seldom fails and it is truly one of the most marvelous and mystifying exhibitions that will be given during the celebration.

HAS OPERATION

PHARR—Mrs. I. Leddel, mother of Mrs. Joe Leddel here, who underwent a major operation early Monday in the McAllen City Hospital, is reported to be doing very well.

PARENTS ARE GUESTS

PHARR—Judge and Mrs. Bryce Ferguson have as their house-guests Mrs. Ferguson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hogan of West Texas.

Corpus Christi A Jewel In A Beautiful Setting



Corpus Christi has not grown too fast, although one of the most rapidly growing cities in the United States, to neglect some of the finer things in life and this view shows a well-groomed tropical background for the tall buildings which rim the city's skyline. In its hustle and bustle, Corpus Christi has not lost its appeal to tourists, remaining a livable place as well as a roaring commercial city.

VISITOR DEPARTS

RIO HONDO—Miss Phyllis Lukowski, who has been visiting her aunt and uncle, Mrs. and Mr. John Padroski, here, has returned to her home in Chicago, Illinois.

HIGHWAY FETE IS ADVERTISED

Celebration Is Given Wide Publicity

RAYMONDVILLE — The Hug the Coast Highway Celebration which is to be held in Raymondville on December 17th will be one of the widest advertised events ever held in the Valley. Within the past two weeks more than five hundred letters and over two thousand sheets of advertising matter have been mailed out to every state in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Hawaiian Islands and Cuba.

Every newspaper for a hundred miles back from the Gulf of Mexico has been contacted and in addition to this every Chamber of Commerce in this territory has also been contacted. The County Judge and Commissioner's Court of every county in the State have received a very cordial invitation to be present at this celebration from County Judge Chas. R. Johnson and the Commissioners Court of Willacy County, and in addition to this several of the Civic Clubs have sent invitations to the other clubs in the State. Letters are pouring in from all sections of the State and Nation in response to these invitations and it looks as if Raymondville will have her hands full on that day taking care of the crowd that will be present.

One request from the Automobile Association of Mexico was very gratifying to the committee. They requested a story not only of the celebration but of the Hug the Coast Highway to be accompanied with photographs which they intend to use in their December issue of their monthly which has a circulation of more than 50,000 copies in Mexico alone. In addition the Editor stated that if possible he would bring a delegation from various localities in Mexico to be present at the celebration.

Another unusual feature of the celebration is that it will have a "Theme Song." This song was composed and set to music by Mrs. Daisy Stephenson. It is called "Along the Bay" and was written one evening while she was at Red Fish Bay, Raymondville's Pleasure resort. This music has been arranged for bands by E. V. Rinner, Director of the Raymondville High School Band and will be heard many times at the concerts during the celebration.

Highway Department Tries New Sign On New Highway

RAYMONDVILLE—Those traveling over the Hug-the-Coast Highway on December 17 on their way to Raymondville, where the big celebration in honor of the opening of this highway is to be held, will see for the first time a new sign being used by the Texas Highway Department. Between Sarita and Norias, a distance of approximately 30 miles, is the only place in the state that these signs have ever been used. They are on an upright post painted pure white and placed about 10 feet out from the edge of the pavement and are spaced 1000 feet apart, all through this distance on both sides of the road. Reading down, the sign reads "PARKING LINE".

J. W. Puckett, division engineer of the State Highway Department, stated that they were trying them out on this section of the road for the sole purpose of guarding the cars from parking too far out in the soft sand which makes up the shoulders of the road along most of the stretch. One not knowing how treacherous this loose sand is, could very easily drive too far out and before they know it would be mired down.

A person will unconsciously spin their wheels in this soft sand when starting their car, and the result is they immediately sink to the axle, and they are in for a bad time. It is always safest in driving off the pavement to stay within this marked limit and above all, start off slowly and carefully especially if a little too far out. This is only one of the many features of the highway department's endeavor to insure safety and good driving on the roads of Texas, and particularly on the Hug-the-Coast Highway.

Another thing that is of interest is to be found along this section of the road is at a point about 10 miles south of Sarita and 42 miles north of Raymondville. Driver will come to a place where the shifting sand dunes have almost encroached upon the highway. Unless drivers are going slow and look carefully the dunes will appear to be just grey covered hills, but upon closer inspection it will be seen that the sand has been covered with small branches, bushes and brush, weighted down with heavier limbs, and by this method the shifting of the sand which makes up the dunes has been almost entirely stopped and within a short time vegetation will have been able to take root and form a permanent mat or covering which will stop the shifting and thus protect the road.

For almost the entire distance between Sarita and Norias, sand dunes of this drifting sand may be seen as white spots in the distance, some within a few hundred feet of the road and others a mile or more distant.

Army Orders

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Army orders Saturday:

Lieutenant Colonels:

Harry C. Luck, Inc., Little Rock, to Palacios, Texas. Frank W. Pinger, MC., El Paso, to Camp Grant. David C. G. Schlenker, SC., Fort Sam Houston, to Riverside, Calif. John Lynch, Inf., Chicago, to Brownwood, Texas.

Majors:

Louis Edward Cotulla, CE Res., San Antonio, to active, Washington.

Captains:

James Henry Von Pein, Inf. Res., Dallas, to active, Randolph Field. Robert Henry McAteer, SC. Res., Fort Worth, to active, Washington.

Governors island in New York harbor was known to the Indians as the "land where the nut trees grow."

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Communities all along the Hug-the-Coast highway are brought closer together, with the result that each will become more prosperous. . . .

It is with justifiable pride that we point to the part which this organization has taken in construction of this new project. . . .

Thirty-two miles in Kennedy county was built by us. . . . . .

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of Fine Soil-Cement Road now closes the gap on Highway 96

KINGSVILLE to RAYMONDVILLE

This new soil-cement road is the last link in the Hug-the-Coast highway which now parallels the Texas Gulf coast all the way from Orange to Brownsville. It assures rapid, safe transportation in any weather, and will prove of tremendous benefit to scores of Texas communities.

Residents of Cameron and Willacy counties, for example, will save 62 miles on round trips to Corpus Christi, San Antonio and other points outside the Rio Grande Valley.

Largest Soil-Cement Project

Soil-cement is simply a carefully proportioned, compacted and hardened mixture of soil, moisture and portland cement. Nothing else! It is the latest and greatest contribution of highway engineers and research scientists to the solution of the low cost secondary road problem. It is daily proving its superior durability and economy on hundreds of miles of light traffic roads.

Highway 96 is the longest continuous stretch of soil-cement in the United States. A fine construction job reflecting credit on the Texas Highway Department.

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FAST GROWTH OF COASTAL CITY SHOWN

Corpus Christi Future Told By Bell

By J. E. BELL
Manager Corpus Christi Chamber Of Commerce

From a quiet country town of 10,000 persons in 1910, Corpus has grown to a bustling city of more than 65,000 people in 30 years.

Few people have ever doubted the destiny of this modern metropolis, but its growth during the last decade has exceeding the fondest dreams of the most enthusiastic Chamber of Commerce president.

Corpus Christi's population within the city limits in 1930 was listed as 27,789. Figures recently released by the Bureau of the Census give the city a population of 57,433 in the city limits and 65,500 in the metropolitan area. The metropolitan area comprises numerous subdivisions that are a part of the city, but which have not yet been taken into the corporate limits. The increase of more than 100 per cent in 10 years may be attributed to many reasons, the most important of which include the discovery of oil at the city's door, diversified agricultural activity, increased industrialization, and continually increasing activity at the Port of Corpus Christi.

Unusual City

Corpus Christi, long recognized as a city of the unusual, has provided protection for her shores and beach business section from tropical storms, with the construction of a $2,000,000 seawall, which is a beautification as well as a protective project. Skirting the city's entire beach section, the wall will, engineers declare, remove storm-water hazards for all time. The wall is 14 feet above normal tide and swings in a gentle curve from the Port on the north to the bluff on the south side of the city. On the water side, the wall is a stair-step design, and while this design is calculated to break wave action, it also affords the city an unusual outdoor ampitheatre, since the seats provided by the steps will accommodate thousands of spectators of water sports.

An entire city block has been filled in between Water Street and the wall, providing space for additional commercial development. Closely zoned, the newly created area is being beautified by a two-mile boulevard, 200 feet wide. Drives on the boulevard will be divided by beautifully landscaped parks.

3 Yacht Basins

Outstanding among the developments along the new seawall is the construction of three yacht basins that will compare favorably with any in the nation. Expansive service wharfs and landing ramps are provided on what are expected to become some of the most popular havens for small or large craft along the entire Gulf Coast.

As paving of streets along the newly created area progresses, another great project for Corpus Christi is rapidly nearing completion. This great project is the Intra-Coastal Canal, which will be completed into this city about July, 1941, and which will eventually be extended to the Rio Grande. The canal will be important to recreation and business alike. It will permit the shipping by water, of numerous commodities from the inland United States down the Mississippi River into the Canal, to Corpus Christi, and later to the Valley, at a great saving in freight. Likewise, it will encourage the small boat owners to visit the new yacht basins here, since they may make the trip without entering treacherous waters.

The "Wonder City of the South" has long been in the public eye, but it has gained nationwide prominence to a larger extent than ever before with the start of construction here of the government's $25,000,000 Naval Air Training Station.

Many are prone to call Corpus Christi the "darling of fortune," as a result of the location of the huge naval project on our shores. Contrary to that belief—though Corpus Christians are grateful—the Navy is not in the habit of granting favors, where the construction of a project so vital to our defense is concerned. Navy officials are hasty to explain that the base is being placed here because of the strategic position and fine physical qualities of the territory, perfectly adaptable to air training.

The station is located, approximately twelve miles to the south of the city on Flour Bluff penisula. Some 10,000 acres of land will be required for the entire plant, consisting of hangers, administration buildings, quarters, store houses, landing fields, etc.

Undoubtedly Corpus Christi will experience during the next five years an even greater growth than during the last decade. Conservative estimates are that the station alone will add 25,000 to our population within the next three years.

Playing a major part in the unprecedented growth of the Port of Play and Profit, is the Port of Corpus Christi. Opened in 1926, tonnage through the local port has increased from a meagre 98,514 tons during the first full year of operation to 7,524,992 tons during the calendar year of 1939.

Tonnage On Increase

Busines during the last fiscal year of the Port, ending June 30, 1940, totaled 7,277,210 tons, indicating that business is holding up despite the shroud of war which envelops the world.

To take care of the unusual growth of the local waterway facilities dredge work which approximately doubled the size of the turning basin at the Port, was completed early last July. The basin is now 1,000 feet by 5,000 feet, as compared with a former size of 1,000 feet by 3,000 feet. The material recovered from the dredge area was used to reclaim some 120 acres of land suitable for future industrial development. The Central Power & Light Company has just completed construction of a million dollar power plant in the area. A new oil dock, bringing the number to five at the Port, is under construction at present.

Always an accurate barometer of the growth of any city, the increase in scholastics reflects the rapid expansion of this metropolis. In 1930, the local school census showed only 5,875 scholastics, while the July 1, 1940 count revealed 13,550 children of school age within the city limits. To take care of this increase, school officials have directed almost constant building and enlarging of schools for several years. Only recently a $450,000 bond issue was passed by voters to provide funds for the construction of a new Junior College building, a Junior High School, (fourth for the city), and much needed enlargements on other buildings in the system. During the last four years the Senior High School building has been doubled in size.

Rapidly nearing completion is a new $130,000 steel and concrete football stadium. Built in the shape of a bowl, it will accomodate approximately 20,000 spectators.

Slum Clearance Work

One particular project of which all Corpus Christi, and even South Texas, is proud, is the slum clearance project being sponsored by the Housing Authority of the City of Corpus Christi, under contract with the United States Housing Authority.

Three separate units will house 468 families, giving new and decent homes to approximately 1,500 people. The Anglo-American unit is already occupied, while the other two projects are rapidly nearing completion.

Total outlay on the three projects, which will help to remove slums from Corpus Christi and cut down on juvenile delinquency, will amount to more than $1,700,000. In addition to that figure, the United States Housing Authority recently ear-marked another $1,000,000 for defense housing to be constructed for use by married civilian employees and enlisted men of the Naval Air Training Station.

During 1939, Corpus Christi enjoyed the greatest building year in its 100-year history when $6,596,979 in building permits were registered. Although this figure put the city among the five leading cities of the state officials state that building admittedly amounted to much more than the figures show, since the value of many projects was underestimated, while still more were not registered since they were just outside the city limits, but were still actually in Corpus Christi's metropolitan area. Far ahead of the 1939 record, building permits for 1940 continue to soar toward the establishment of still another record. Already (November 1st) permits are well over $8,000,000.

Homes Are Booming

Playing a leading part in the huge building total being rung up by Corpus Christi, is home construction. Although commercial construction has been exceptionally heavy, residential building has led the field. During 1939 an average of slightly more than three new homes per day (including Sunday) were built—a record that can be matched by few cities in the entire Nation. Home building has stepped up this year, the average at present falling slightly under four new homes per day for the first six months.

In spite of the hustle and bustle of this lusty growth, Corpus Christi has kept intact it's reputation for being a city of beautiful homes, some of the finest show-places of the south being on scenic Ocean Drive, running south from the city.

Naturally, in a city which grows so rapidly, it is almost impossible to keep utilities and street improvements progressing as rapidly as the residential sections spread over the country side. To cope with the situation created by Corpus Christi's unusual expansion, the citizenship recently authorized the issuance of bonds amounting to $1,750,000, the funds from which will be devoted entirely to street paving and the extension of the City's sanitary system.

It has always been the object of the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, and the city's administration to remain mindful of the fact that what helps South Texas helps Corpus Christi. In that connection the Chamber of Commerce, City, and County have worked continuously for the completion of various highways throughout the South Texas area. Most recent fruit of the works of the citizens of South Texas, including we Corpus Christians, is the completion of the long-sought Kenedy County road from Riviera to Raymondville.

Still another highway project in which the local Chamber of Commerce is playing a large part is the attempt to secure funds for the construction of the Winter Garden to the Gulf Highways, which will mean much to the Winter Garden District.

Corpus Christians are thankful that the future of their city is one flanked with much promise—and they are ever mindful that it is not Corpus Christi alone which is coming to the front, but the entire great Empire which is South Texas, and through the co-operation of all our cities, the future of the section will assume the brightest prospects of any section in the entire Nation.

SEES VALUE OF HIGHWAY



Mayor A. C. McCaughan of Corpus Christi is a firm believer in the value of the now completed highway through Kenedy county. "In my opinion, the Valley is only in the early stages of development and it has a great future," he said. "I feel that the opening of a new highway will be of inestimable benefit both to the Valley and to Corpus Christi. I shall be glad to have you extend my greetings and best wishes to the people of the Valley in your special edition."

Novel Cachet To Be Used At Opening Day Of Hug-The-Coast-Highway; Was Designed By Raymondville Artist

RAYMONDVILLE—On December 17th, Raymondville will have a novel cachet, which will be imprinted upon outgoing mail by the committee in charge. This cachet will be used in connection with the celebration of the closing of the last gap in the Hug the Coast Highway between Orange on the Louisiana State line and Brownsville on the Mexican Border.

The cachet was designed by Mrs. Mary Portman, of Raymondville, one of the Valley's poets and artists. It depicts a map of the Coastal section of Texas and shows the route of the Hug the Coast Highway with small inserts illustrating scenes or activities in and around certain of the towns and counties.

Anyone desiring this cachet may send as many stamped envelopes as they desire to V. Sabin, Cachet Director, Raymondville, Texas and the cachet will be applied and mailed back to them on the day of the celebration. Several hundred envelopes from various parts of the United States have already been received.

Southern Colleges Elect Texan Chief

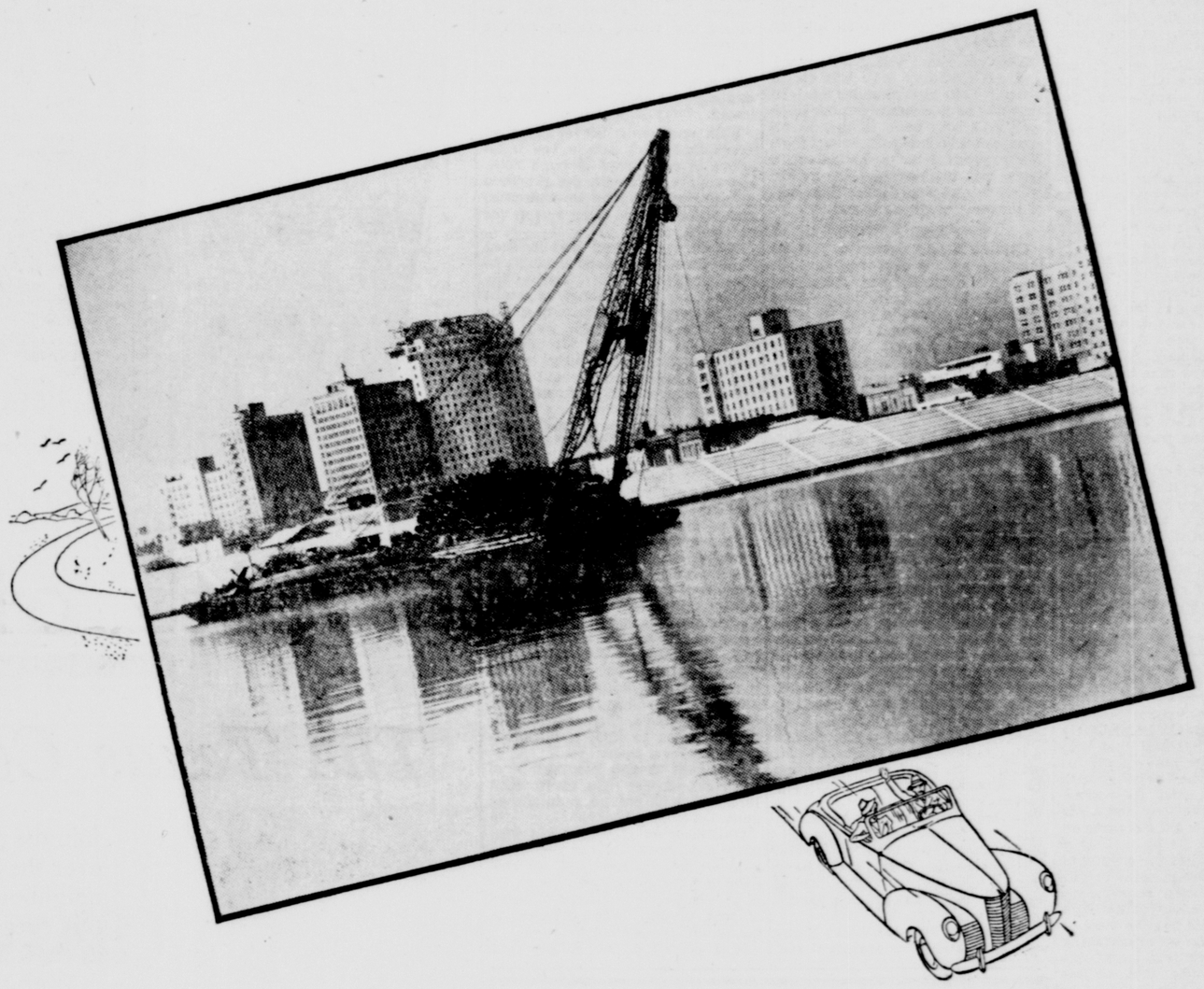
MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(AP)—President Sam Whitley of East Texas Teachers College, Commerce, was elected president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at the group's meeting here Friday.

Three Texas colleges were restored to membership and its attendant full accredited rating. They included: Baylor University of Waco, Hardin-Simmons University of Abilene, and Texas Technological College of Lubbock.

The canning industry used over 10 billion containers in 1939.

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RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS

GREETING to the CITIZENS of the RIO GRANDE VALLEY



ACHIEVEMENT

The nearing completion of Corpus Christi's marvelous $2,500,000 Sea Wall, the progress south of the great Intracoastal Canal, to finally terminate at the Rio Grande, and the opening of the last and vital coastal link of the Hug-the-Coast Highway are all achievements of which all South Texas may well be proud. In a real sense each is a public undertaking, designed to return a public benefit.

Corpus Christi has always believed that South Texas must develop as a unit. True, its cities and its towns have individual problems, but many of them can be solved by mutual effort. Highways present an example of what can be accomplished by co-operation. We like to believe that our efforts helped in a tangible way to hasten the completion of the coastal road. To be sure a selfish interest was involved. But the social returns will transcend immediate financial benefits. As distances are shortened, acquaintances increase. As we see more of each other understanding increases, and that fosters co-operation.

As the citizens of the Valley, Texas' great garden spot, and those of the intervening counties, have helped us build our great Sea Wall; as mutual efforts have expanded highway facilities, we will continue to expand our energies and our means to further the completion of the Intracoastal Canal to the Rio Grande.

Visit Corpus Christi. We know you'll like our people. We want to know you better, and above all . . . we want you to know us better. Forward together!

The CITY of CORPUS CHRISTI
The CHAMBER of COMMERCE

"PORT of PLAY and PROFIT"

CULMINATION

WILLACY COUNTY IS NOW CELEBRATING THE CULMINATION OF MANY YEARS OF EFFORT. THE ENERGY, FAR-SIGHTEDNESS AND COOPERATIVE SPIRIT OF ITS CITIZENS HAS RESULTED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGHWAY VITAL TO ITS NEEDS AND IMPORTANT TO THE ENTIRE VALLEY . . . AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM DESIGNED TO INCREASE ITS PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY IN AGRICULTURAL FIELDS . . AND MANY INDUSTRIAL ADVANCES.

The Rio Grande Valley Citrus Exchange is sowing the seed and cultivating the growth of cumulative effort in the Valley's citrus industry. It is leading the way toward cooperation of all interests so that the utmost in returns may be the growers' lot. And it is constantly striving to expand the industry's markets in the North through conscientious sales efforts and advertising expenditures.

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It is fighting the battles of the Valley just as Willacy interests have been striving to answer Willacy's needs. As such it feels a kinship for Willacy County in its celebration.

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May the Valley always continue to progress . . . may we always provide the cooperation that gets results.

Rio Grande Valley Citrus Exchange MEMBER Associations

Bay View Citrus Association
Mission Citrus Growers' Union
McAllen Citrus Association
Weslaco Citrus Association
Edinburg Citrus Association
Donna Citrus Association
R. G. V. Citrus Growers' Association, Mercedes
Santa Rosa Citrus Association
Combes Citrus Association
La Feria Citrus Association
Stuart Place Citrus Association
Raymondville Citrus Association
San Benito Citrus Association

RIO GRANDE VALLEY CITRUS EXCHANGE
Tex-Sun and Tex-Maid Citrus Fruit
"SERVING THE VALLEY" WESLACO, TEXAS

'Walls Of Jericho' Tumble Tuesday

Public Sentiment Finally Wins New Road

By MRS. M. C. YEARGAN

RAYMONDVILLE—

"Joshua fit the battle of Jericho,
Jericho, Jericho,
Joshua fit the battle of Jericho
And the walls came tumbling down."

So goes the old Negro spiritual. Unlike the Bible story, however, where Joshua and his small band of men marched around the walls of Jericho and blew their horns and shouted once each day for seven days and the walls came tumblin' down—Willacy county citizens have been driving around the Walled Kingdom shouting their heads off for 24 years and the walls just didn't crumble.

Road Now Opens

But they're at it again, shouting this time with victory through the press, radio, cachets and chambers of commerce, because on December 17, 1940, after 27 years of planning, a direct way out of the Valley to points north, a way has been provided; the last vestige of the wall is crumbling down—the sign reading "This road is covered with tar filled with tacks to puncture your tires" has been removed and only the telegraph poles serving for fence posts to support the barbed wire and the gate with lock and heavy chain remains, and this will be removed when the great cavalcade, including men of the press, photographers, distinguished state and national leaders and citizens all along the route will drive victoriously over the road—open for all time to the public.

The story dates back to 1846 when two young men, Richard King, a young ship's captain and Mifflin Kenedy, a seaman from New Orleans, formed a partnership in the river steamer Carvette and operated a transport service on the Rio Grande River from its mouth to Rio Grande City—a hundred-mile trip, requiring three days up and one day down stream.

But though they had the contract to haul supplies for the American army, the war with Mexico was short lived. Business being dull the young men had time to explore inland and dream dreams of possessing large tracts of land and of owning many cattle. They began to buy land paying from 1 cent to 8 cents per acre for it.

They Made Fortunes

In 1861 and for the four years' duration of the Civil War, King and Kenedy went back to their little stern wheeler and did big business resulting in considerable wealth for them, on which they were able to retire from active river duty. On returning to their estates, they found them overrun with longhorns. They ear-marked them and spent their days trying to protect their great herds from cattle rustlers.

About 1866 Jesse Chisholm achieved the impossible by driving a herd of cattle from San Antonio to Abilene, Kansas. Immediately Captain Kenedy realized that possibilities in this for himself and his partner, King. They tried it with a few thousand, and it worked. Within a short time they had made much money and could not agree on how to spend it.

Kenedy dreamed of the coming of the railroad and the shipping of cattle by rail—cattle with short horns, a new cattle, a reality of his own experimenting. He was so sure of the success of such an undertaking that he was willing to invest his wealth in and also that of his partner's.

King Wanted Land

But King thought it would be a much better idea to buy a mile-wide strip of land running 900 miles from Nueces River to Kansas and continue sending cattle over the trail, and to make sure that they would have sufficient cattle to send over the trail, he wanted the actual ownership of about thirty million acres.

So not being able to agree on how best to spend their wealth they good naturedly dissolved partnership. Kenedy taking the land on the northeast corner of the coast, known later as Kenedy county, and leaving to Captain King as much of the state as he could acquire for pasture land.

Now Kenedy loved privacy better than anything and as a parting request he exacted from King, who planned to own all the land for miles around on three sides of him, a promise that he would never, never allow a public road through the Kenedy estate.

That was about 1868. King agreed, and an imaginary wall was raised around 1,300 square miles of land that was as impenetrable as a stone wall and iron bars, though to all appearance it was still open range. Many years later a barbed wire fence was built around the ranch, which has an area larger than that of the state of Rhode Island.

Guarantee Respected

Captain King's guarantee that no highway should ever run through Kenedy's land has been respected by his heirs. Individuals have raised their voices in protest; small groups of prominent Valley citizens have done all within their power; and it has taken the combined effort of a large number of earnest people working for this great cause many years to see the results of their labor.

Many stories have been told—some true, some false, but all interesting—of the difficulties encountered in getting a road through the walled kingdom. Old timers can regale their listeners with some amazing tales, but with twinkling eyes now that the struggle is a thing of the past.

As early as 1913 a road through Kenedy county was dreamed of and planned for when a route was laid out on paper and and an association formed to promote it known as the Diamond Loop Highway Association. The diamond route was formed by a road up the Valley to Rio Grande City, along the river to Laredo, thence to San Antonio, on to Corpus Christi and back to the Valley following the Missouri Pacific through the walled kingdom.

An emblem—diamond-shaped, in blue and white—was made to advertise the Valley as an outlet and inlet to tourists. Owners who have kept these, will proudly display them on their cars in the parade on December 17.

In 1920 the Hug-the-Coast Highway Association was organized and renewed and continuous efforts were set in motion.

When the county was organized in 1921 a road election was called. It was estimated that about 94 per cent of the population favored it and ultimate victory seemed easy. But when morning dawned, it is said, that mysterious hands had delivered handbills everywhere advising the voting against such a proposal.

The Willacy County Road committee was formed and at a later election the opposition was defeated.

With representatives of the road association went before the legislature to get a road through Kenedy county, however, the proposed measure was tied up in committee and killed season after season for nearly 20 years.

$85,000 was raised and a road built through Willacy county to the fence line of the ranch on the south side. But though a beautiful highway ran to the very southmost line of the ranch, and one, equally as beautiful, ran to the northmost line, it seemed as though never the twain would meet because of the invisible wall of promise surrounding the kingdom.

Finally the ranch owners agreed to give the right of way if the state would appropriate funds for the road; but the funds could not be assured until the right of way was granted—and so, for a time, each waited for the other to move first.

But eventually public sentiment prevailed and the contract was let for the north end to Sarita. All went well for a time, then work came to a sudden standstill, so the story goes. On investigation, engineers had come to a dry stream bed. According to Washington, this was a navigable stream. To cross it required the building of a draw bridge. According to old Wilacy county residents, there wasn't sufficient water to float a duck excepting after a flood.

The deed to the last portion of the right of way was given May, 1935, but will not be relinquished until December 17, 1940.

On December 17 the barbed wire fence that for years has served as a formidable barrier will be substituted by a ribbon and thousands of people will witness the clipping of that ribbon that will open to the public the walled kingdom.

It is estimated that 60 per cent of Valley traffic will go over this road. This road—short though it is—will likely be the longest in the world within a couple of years, connecting Alaska with the Panama Canal.

It is an important road; it ties together six army posts, a naval base, serves a portion of seven international highways extending from Canada into Mexico, and opens all the territory along its course to thousands of travelers. It has ten deep water harbors, giving direct water connections to all parts of the world. And it parallels the Inter Coastal Canal for several hundred miles, making connection with more than 14,000 miles of inland waterways.

Mifflin Kenedy's dream has come true: the cattle that roam over his land now have short horns and travel by train to market.

But his dream of permanent seclusion for his kingdom is shattered at last.

Valley citizens fought the battle of
the Walled Kingdom
And the walls came tumblin' down.

But how about having a friend that would keep a promise for 72 years?



NEW SUSPENSION BRIDGE AT REYNOSA TO OPEN SUNDAY

Opening of the new bridge erossing the Rio Grande River from Hidalgo to Reynosa, Mexico, is scheduled for Sunday, according to Ray E. Stubbs, general manager of the Valley Bridge Company, owners of the structure.

Running 766 feet in total length, the bridge is suspended from 12 huge cables, anchored on each side with 2,200 cubic feet of concrete. The span from tower to tower is 450 feet.

Designed by J. W. Bretta Engineering organization, and A. E. Searles, the bridge is said by experts to be the most modern across the entire Rio Grande River.

The bridge takes the place of the original structure built many years ago, which was destroyed just a year ago. Crossing was made by a pontoon bridge during the period required to build the new bridge. The pontoon bridge will be removed in a few days.

DEATH CLAIMS MOTHER

LOS FRESNOS—Phil R. Moyle was called to Waco Wednesday morning because of the death of his mother.

FROM DENNISON

WESLACO—Mrs. L. Christian of Dennison is viisting her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Baxter.

Congratulations . . .

To the citizens of the Rio Grande Valley upon the completion of the important new highway . . . and congratulations to the landowners of Willacy County Water Control and Improvement District Number One upon the completion of the new irrigation system.

WILLACY COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER ONE

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The City of KINGSVILLE

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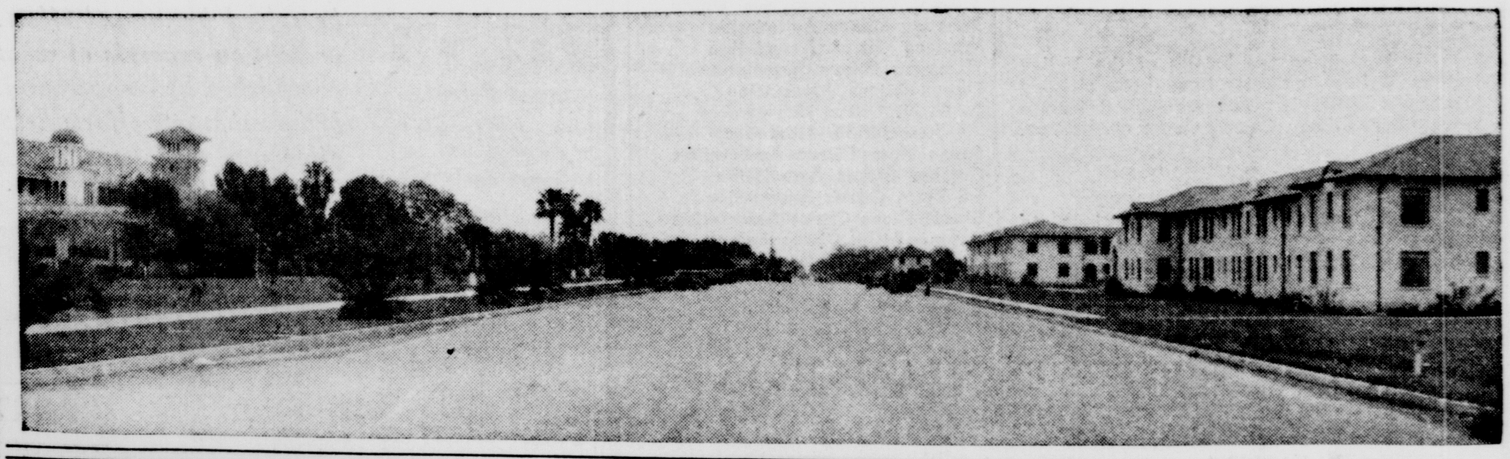
The Texas College of Arts and Industries

join the people of the lower Rio Grande Valley in rejoicing over the completion of the highway that brings their good neighbors of the Valley so much nearer to Kingsville and this great state-supported institution, known affectionately as A. & I. College.

With the accomplishment of this step in advancing highway communication between the Valley and the Gulf Coast section of South Texas, we realize we have laid the foundation for a great international road leading from the Canadian Border to the interior of our sister Republic of Mexico. We pledge to our friends of both South Texas and Mexico our hearty cooperation in the carrying of that task to a successful completion.

THE people of the Rio Grande Valley joined with Kleberg County in securing for this section an institution of higher education several years ago. On this occasion, we would emphasize the fact that the Texas College of Arts and Industries belongs to all the people of Texas, but particularly to those of this section; that it was founded to train the youth of South Texas for leadership in developing the resources of South Texas:

With the completion of highway 96, this State institution of higher learning is placed at the very doors of hundreds of young men and women of the Valley who will find a warm welcome awaiting them at Kingsville when they make Texas A & I the college of their choice.



SEBASTIAN

On the Hug-The-Coast Highway 10 Miles South of Raymondville and 12 Miles North of Harlingen



The town of Sebastian is indeed happy to congratulate the promoters of the Hug-The-Coast Highway. Their far-reaching efforts have placed Sebastian with the best soil, drinking water and location directly on the route that is destined to connect this section with the Panama Canal and South America.

This advertisement courtesy E. W. ARCHER.

NEW TRAFFIC BROUGHT IN BY HIGHWAY

Army, Naval Bases Along Route

RAYMONDVILLE — The opening of the Hug-the-Coast Highway, which is to be celebrated at Raymondville on December 17th, celebrates the closing of the last gap in the Highway which extends from the Louisiana State line along, or near the Gulf of Mexico, clear to the Mexican border at Brownsville. It is of unusual value to the people of Texas in many ways. Along its course are more than a dozen army posts, naval bases and navy yards.

Its deep water harbors are known all over the world. It is an outlet for Texas to the thousands of miles of inland waterways as it parallels the Inter-Coastal Canal for more than 200 miles. To southwest Texas and the Rio Grande Valley in particular its value is incalculable. The tourist from the East and North now has a short cut into the Valley. Those in the Valley save from 35 to 50 miles or more on every trip in going to Corpus and Houston. It gives the tourist a chance to come into the Valley by one route, to visit the entire Valley and then leave by an entirely different route.

A count made by the Texas Highway Department between Corpus Christi and Houston shows 1'10 to 7650 cars pass each day; to Raymondville by way of Corpus Christi the count shows 1140 to 6020 a day and South of Raymondville an average of 1550 cars a day is shown. A saving of 50 miles means approximately 3 gallons of gasoline and an hours time saved, and with the thousands of motorists every day, it means an enormous saving in both time and money.

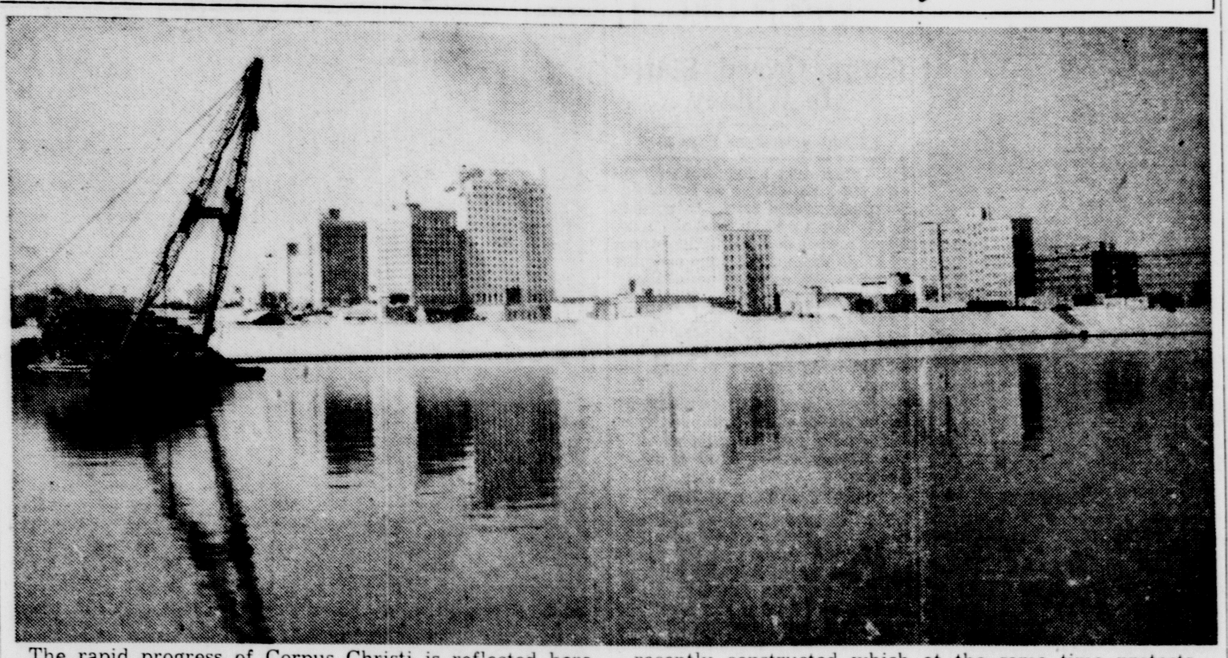
The Kenedy County gap, which has just been completed and which completes the Highway, is unusual in many ways. This 49 mile stretch across Kenedy County was begun in 1935 after the four Ranches, which comprise the county, agreed to give the right of way and the Highway Department agreed to provide the fences along the entire route. The Engineers spent many weeks endeavoring to overcome the many unusual difficulties met in the construction of this stretch. One of their main troubles was the shifting sands which comprise more than 30 miles of the route, but this has been overcome by holding back the sand by the use of brush etc., so that vegetation may be started and thus cover the sand and stop the blowing.

Britain Shifts War Information Chiefs

LONDON — (AP) — Sir Walter Monckton succeeded Frank Pick as director-general of the Ministry of Information in what the Press Association referred to as a "surprise" shift.

Sir Walter is attorney for the Duke of Windsor and reportedly visited him recently in the Bahamas.

Metropolitan Skyline Blooms On Gulf Coastline



The rapid progress of Corpus Christi is reflected here in Nueces bay, towering buildings which were not present a few years ago forming the skyline of a fast growing city. This view from the bay also shows the seawall recently constructed which at the same time protects lower part of the city from the waters of the gulf and provides a pretty rim for this beautiful bay. Corpus Christi has long been known as the Naples of the Gulf.

Entirely New Highway Construction Technique Used On Hug The Coast Road; Entire Country Is Watching

RAYMONDVILLE—Involving an entirely new material technique and a new design in road machinery, the construction of the Kenedy county section of the Hug-the-Coast highway has been the center of interest for the construction industry in all parts of the country.

In use for the first time on any extensive project, the type of construction was developed and tested by the Texas Highway Department. In securing the contract for 34.6 miles of surfacing as well as 43 miles of grading and drainage structures, Heldenfels Brothers, Corpus Christi contractors, have found entirely new methods to cope with the peculiar and perplexing problems offered by the terrain over which the Kenedy road had to be built.

Use of new road materials, the maddening problem of shifting sands, and the low water table encountered, were problems the contractors met and conquered.

Base for the new road is of soil-cement composition. From clay pits along the right of way through the ranch country, materials have been taken for processing in a new plant costing over $30,000.

The problem of keeping the shifting sands from covering the highway is expected to be met as the Missouri Pacific railway has meet it—by planting brush and grass to hold the sands. It is hoped this will stay the moving dunes.

After the road grade was established, a six-inch layer of the native clay was deposited along the right of way. This was exposed to the elements and slight travel for a minimum of eight months. During the time elapsed the clay packed hard enough to hold the finished highway.

Then, using the same type of clay and the new special equipment, a soil-cement mix of six per cent cement, 15 per cent moisture and the balance soil basis was spread along the road bed to a depth of 15 inches. This was rolled and compressed and concentrated until the rollers no longer could make an impresison on the surface.

A maintainer followed the rollers to keep the grade, following specifications that called for the compressed mix to be six inches deep in the center and eight inches deep on the sides, and exaggerated crown on the roadbed being under the mix, so that these specifications brought about a normal crown.

Sets For 28 Days

Following application of hot oil, the road was allowed to set a minimum of 28 days, after which double asphalt surface treatment was given.

This new type of highway was thoroughly tested by the highway department before it was used in construction of the Kenedy county road.

Some time ago a stretch of highway was constructed similar to the Kenedy project. Two and one-half miles of road was laid. After curing and topping, a number of state trucks loaded to capacity were driven over the surface. Back and forth, up and down, day after day, this grueling punishment was given to the pavement.

The test was kept up for three weeks, at the rate of hundreds of loads per day. But the new surface easily survived the test.

According to M. M. Jester, Heldenfel's superintendent on the job, a block of this processed material can be immersed in water for an indefinite period of time, and there will be no sign of deterioration. A piece of the soaked material can be rubbed in the hands without leaving any marks or smudges.

Shoulders Are Problem

Road shoulders could have presented a problem to motorists, but this has been solved too. Drivers need not worry about their cars sinking axle deep in the fine white sands if they observe the safety markings along the shoulders.

The native clay has been used in making shoulders for this new type highway. Rolled and cross rolled and graded, these shoulders extend out eight feet from the pavement edge. Motorists are urged, however, not to run their cars out on the shoulders except enough to clear the highway. The safety line, or clay shoulder edge is clearly marked all along the highway, with posts set every 1,000 feet, clearly visible and plainly marked.

FULL PROGRAM NOW COMPLETE

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and the novelty of this feature will no doubt be remembered by every one there. To those desiring to go inside the church and relax during the program, the doors will be opened and everyone is welcome, it may be heard from almost any portion of the city in your car or in the streets. The program which will be played by Mrs. B. S. Wright is as follows:

Oh Little Town of Bethlehem, Gesu Bambino (The Infant Jesus), Pietro Yon, former organist of Vatican. Hark the Herald Angels Sing!, Sanctus by Gounod, Oh Come All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fidelis).

Following this the Boy Scouts will give their demonstration at the athletic field, starting at 7:30. Their program includes an Indian fire lighting ceremony, Court of Honor and many other beautiful and inspiring ceremonies in which more than 1500 Valley Boy Scouts will take part. Then at 8:30 will be the free street dance on sixth street one block west of the depot. Music will be furnished by the Pete Pena orchestra of Mercedes. As a whole it is expected that every one who attends will have plenty of entertainment and will enjoy every minute of the day.

Old Diamond Loop, First Started 27 Years Ago, Now Finished; Originai Committee Alive, To 'Disband'

Nat Wetzel Was Top Man In Leading Program

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Lyford chose C. E. Craig president and J. C. Deyo, secretary. And at Harlingen R. L. Chaudoin was president and S. A. Thompson, secretary.

Organization Formed

On July 5, 1915, a large, enthusiastic group formed a parent organization in meeting at Port Isabel, with E. J. Hernen, assistant director general of the National Highway Association at Washington, D. C., present to assist in organization. An insignia of blue and white for members' cars was adopted, being a diamond-shaped piece of enameled metal, 10 inches long and four and one-half inches high of blue enamel, with quarter-inch white border and the words "Diamond Loop Highway" in white letters filling interior of the diamond.

These emblems were displayed for several years, but association members failed in attempt to acquire vital pieces of right of way. Eventually enthusiasm waned and finally the Diamond Loop was almost forgotten.

But now, with the closing of the last gap in the Hug-the-Coast Highway, the Diamond Loop Highway can alos be considered an accomplished project. The emblem, the association and the enthusiasm are expected to be revived, and the loop to become known as one of Texas' most interesting scenic highways.

Many of those who helped form the original organizations over Southwest Texas have passed on. But Mr. J. A. Graham of San Benito is still active in good road work, and is expected to be present for the December 17 celebration of the completion of two major Texas highways, for one of which he led the fight a quarter of a century ago.

Certain also to attend the celebration are Mr. Archer, and Mr. Wetzel, who will have a major part in the fete, and other members of that Willacy good roads committee. Present also will be Judge Dancy, a fighter for good roads as far back as anyone can recall. There also will be numerous others, many of whom were in the original fight, and thousands of others who have joined since and have helped put across the vital link in both highways after a long and sometimes bitter fight.

Was Last Gap

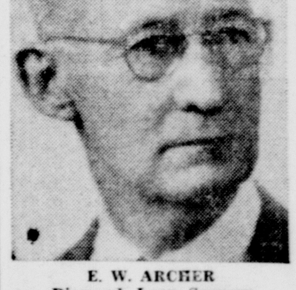
Completion not so many months ago of hard-surfaced road all the way from the Valley to Laredo leaves the Kentucky gap as the only remaining link in the Diamond Loop, just as it is the last link in the otherwise completed Hug-the-Coast.

But there are other loops, all



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with an important 1940 angle, that means visitors and dollars and cents to all of the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Besides the loop which might bring motorists in by way of the Kenedy county road, and send them out by way of the Diamond Loop to Laredo, or through Edinburg to Falfurrias; there is also the loop which will allow visitors to Mexico to come to the Valley through Edinburg or Raymondville, then through McAllen and Reynosa and Monterrey, with return trip through Laredo. Then there is the loop that will send them through Brownsville and Matamoros to Victoria and Mexico City, and bring them back to Monterrey and either to Reynosa or Laredo.

The Matamoros-Victoria and Reynosa-Monterrey hard-surfaced routes are far past the dream stage. They're rapidly coming to the point of reality as parts of a Pan-American highway which will be of vast importance as a tourist route and as part of the defense equipment of the Americas.

Yes, they'll be celebrating the opening of an important link in more than one highway at Raymondville on December 17.

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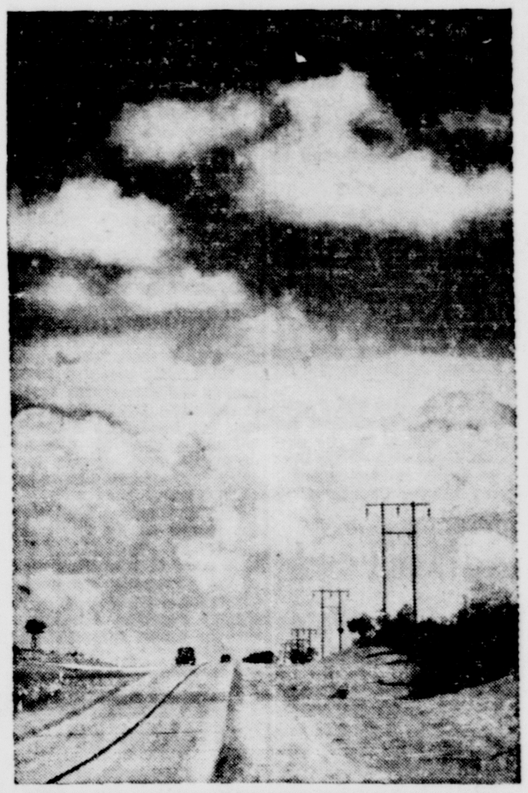
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ALL THE Valley joins with Raymondville in celebrating the opening of the Hug-The-Coast Highway, which means so much to the progress of Willacy County and the entire Lower Rio Grande Valley.

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Raymondville, Harlingen, San Benito, Brownsville, La Feria and all of Willacy and Cameron Counties will benefit directly from the opening of the new highway, a dream of Valley citizens for the past twenty years.

Direct communication with Corpus Christi, Houston and points north and east will be of immense value to both farming and commercial interests, and completion of the highway is just cause for celebration.

Reddy Kilowatt says "CPL's highline service is cause for celebration, too. Plenty of power wherever there's demand for it, at low rates, has helped a lot to make the Valley."

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17



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US CONGRESS STUDIES WAYS TO CUT COST

Non-Defense Expense May Be Slashed

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Confronted with the prospect of heavy new defense appropriations and higher taxes, Senate and House leaders talked over Saturday ways and means of cutting down non-defense expenditures.

Considerable sentiment was evidenced for setting up, as a step toward that end, a new "super-committee" to cordinate spending and revenue policies.

To Study Spending

Representative Woodrum (D-Va) influential member of the House Appropriations committee, said he was seeking the cooperation of President Roosevelt and House and Senate leaders in forming a group which would obtain an over-all picture of spending needs and then would recommend what revenues should be raised.

Woodrum told reporters his first step would be to confer with House leaders and members of the ways and means and appropriations committees. He said a joint congressional committee "could look at the fiscal picture as a whole, and could make recommendations based on the relationship of expenditures and revenues.

Must Coordinate

"It is crazy not to consider spending and revenues together," he remarked.

On the Senate side, Chairman Harrison (D-Miss) of the Senate Finance committee said that "if the House will agree to a joint committee there won't be any trouble over here."

Hitler To Aid?

Mussolini Must Get Assistance Soon

NEW YORK —(AP)— The British Broadcasting Corporation said Saturday that it is "widely thought that the time has come when Herr Hitler must attempt to rescue his partner"—Premier Mussolini.

"There has been no news today," BBC said in a broadcast heard by CBS, "on the movements of Herr Hitler and Herr von Ribbontrop, who were reported Friday to have left Berlin and who are rumored to be on their way to see Signor Mussolini.

"It will cause no surprise, if such a meeting takes place, since it is widely thought that the time has come when Herr Hitler must, at whatever cost, attempt to rescue his partner."

Crude Closes Week With Net Decrease, Production Jumped

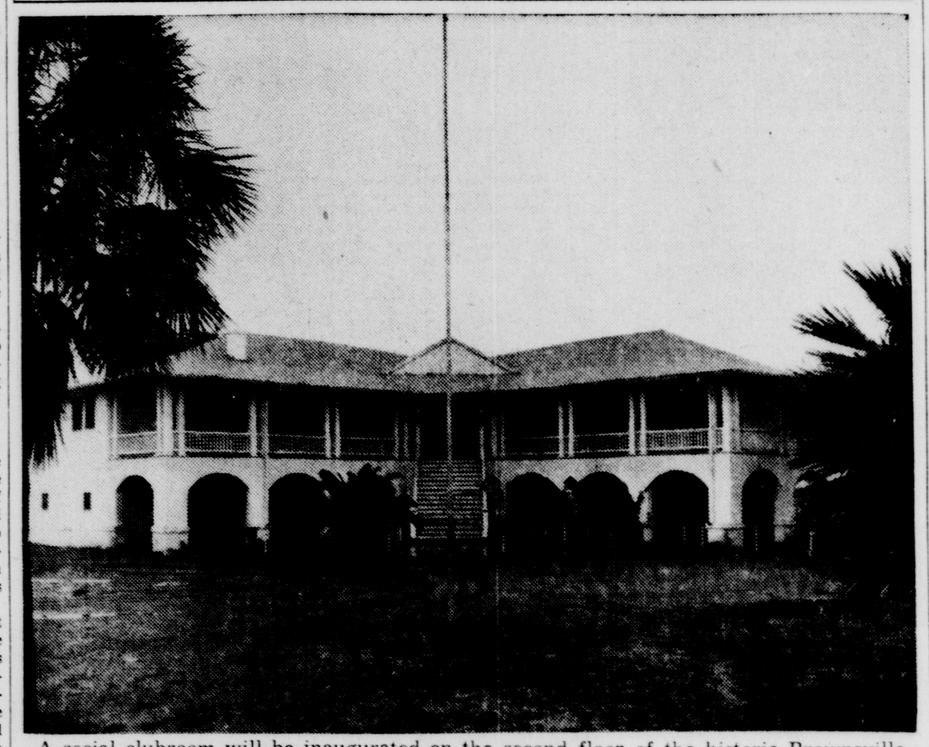
WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Bureau of Mines reported Saturday stocks of domestic and foreign crude petroleum at the close of the week ended December 7 totaled 261,152,000 barrels, a net decrease of 1,527,000 barrels compared with the previous week. Stocks of domestic oil decreased 1,362,000 barrels for the week and foreign crude decreased 165,000 barrels.

Daily average production for the week was 3,613,000 barrels, an increase of 278,000 barrels compared with the previous week's level. Runs to stills averaged 3,460,000 barrels daily, compared with 3,510,000 barrels for the preceding week. Daily average imports were 156,000 barrels, an increase of 24,000 barrels during the week.

SOLON'S FATHER DIES

CLOVIS, N. M.—(AP)—U. S. Senator Carl Hatch of New Mexico and Mrs. Hatch left Saturday night for Oklahoma City to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hatch's father, R. S. Caviness, 82-year-old retired druggist who died Saturday.

Valley Club Formed In Brownsville



A social clubroom will be inaugurated on the second floor of the historic Brownsville Country Club (pictured above) Saturday night, it has been announced by Claude Liston, director of country club activities. Card memberships are being issued at present.



Miss Mozelle Pruden, well-known Brownsville girl, who will act as hostess at the social clubroom to be opened at the Brownsville Country Club Saturday night.

Claud Liston Heads New Project At Club

BROWNSVILLE—Expected to fill a long-felt social need, a membership clubroom featuring dancing, food and other refreshments will be inaugurated at the Brownsville Country Club Saturday night with a dance and buffet supper.

Finishing touches are being applied to the completely renovated clubroom and lounge under supervision of Miss Mozelle Pruden, who will act as hostess, and Claud Liston, who directs Country Club activities.

Memberships Needed

Memoerships, issued by invitation or recommendation, are being spread throughout the lower Valley, Mr. Liston states, and they have met with hearty reception. Members may bring guests, but otherwise admittance will be by card only, the management stated.

The second floor of the historic Country Club, for many years one of the outstanding social gathering places in South Texas, will be devoted to the clubroom facilities. It will be capable of accommodating 150 persons comfortably, Mr. Liston estimates. The dance floor has been placed in top condition, and the quarters have been outfitted tastefully.

Beginning next Sunday, the clubroom will be open from breakfast until midnight supper, according to present plans. Music will be available at all times, and it is planned to have a special dance orchestra once weekly, or as often as members desire.

The clubroom will be available for private parties and will have a catering service. A special bid will be made for afternoon bridge and tea parties, and Miss Pruden will assist in arranging them.

The cost of membership will be nominal.

Separate From Club

The clubroom will be conducted entirely separate from the Country Club and membership in one does not necessarily entail membership in the other, Mr. Liston explained.

Miss Pruden, a graduate of local schools and Denton Teachers', is well known among the younger social set of the Valley. She has been a resident of Brownsville for the past six years.

Mr. Liston, long-time Valley resident, came here after managing the Harlingen golf course for the past seven years. He is enthusiastic over golfing, tennis and swimming facilities offered by the Country Club here.



Claude Liston (above) will have supervision of the clubroom being opened at the Brownsville Country Club.

NEW ORLEANS STRIKE ENDS

Seamen Win Shorter Hours, Better Pay

NEW ORLEANS —(AP)— A seamen's strike which tied up five vessels of the Standard Fruit and Steamship Company here for four days was settled Saturday and sailings were resumed.

Bryce P. Holcombe, commissioner of conciliation of the United States Department of Labor who mediated the strike, said an agreement was signed at noon for improved working conditions, higher pay, an 8-hour day and overtime pay.

Although no official statement was made on pay increases, it was stated that radio operators would receive a $12.50 a month hike.

Holcombe said the agreement was reached between officials of the company and representatives of the National Maritime Union and the American Communications Association.

MRS. AUTRY BETTER

RIO HONDO—Mrs. S. E. Autry is recovering from a recent illness.

Head Man Fired

Allowed Raw Water In City Mains

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—(AP)—Formal investigation of inadvertent introduction of 6,000,000 gallons of untreated Genesee river water into city mains brought discharge Saturday of the superintendent of water.

Meanwhile, with 1,100 of the 300,000-odd residets inoculated by the health bureau against typhoid fever, the city opened five additional inoculation stations in public schools, with a big rush for vaccination expected.

U. S. Rebates Taxes

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The treasury said Saturday that it over assessed Ruby Keeler Jolson, dancing star of the stage and movies, $50,346 on her 1936 and 1937 incomes.

Palestine, homeland of the Jews, has been under British mandate for 22 years.

NEW HYGIENE CLASSES SET

Hidalgo Red Cross Plans Work

EDINBURG — Home hygiene classes in Hidalgo county will be launched in January by the county chapter of the American Red Cross, A. M. Tarbutton of Edinburg, chapter chairman, announced Saturday.

The classes will be directed by county health nurses who were instructed in the activity recently by a field representative of the Red Cross. One class will be conducted in each community, and Parent-Teacher associations will be invited to assist the program.

Courses in first aid for laymen will be started by the Red Cross throughout the county either in late January or early February, the chairman added. A national organization representative will teach the first classes, whose graduates in turn will organize instruction groups among laymen throughout the county. The first series of lessons will be given to all border patrolmen, firemen and other interested groups, and these in turn will teach first aid practices to interested laymen.

Tarbutton said a final report on the recent county Red Cross roll call has not yet been compiled due to absence of tabulations from two of the 13 county communities in which the drive took place. Funds already reported, however, show that the county surpassed its quota of $5,000.

KENEDY ROAD OPEN DEC. 17

Large Crowd Slated In Willacy

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built, engineers piled brush alongside the right-of-way so the creeping dunes would fasten themselves in the brush and stay off the road. Now they are planting various types of hardy vegetation in the creeping dunes to anchor them permanently at the roadsides. For years, the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railroad, whose tracks parallel the highway throughout its length, hired hundreds of men to keep the dunes off the railroad tracks. But the dunes have been conquered by the ingenuity of the Texas Highway Department and its engineers, and the Kenedy county road is ready for traffic.

Cost Less Than Million

That 49-mile stretch of highway cost $876,518, the department has figured out—more than it would have cost under ordinary circumstances. Division Engineer J. W. Puckett at Pharr is the man who conducted the experiments that made the road possible through the sand. But the road would have cost much more had the state been required to purchase the rights-of-way. While the proposal to build the road through Kenedy county caused more than one uproar, the King Ranch interests donated the right-of-way just as the state asked for it, saving an untold amount of money which would ordinarily have been a part of the cost. When the ranch interests finally were convinced of the economic value of the road to the thousands of persons who would use it, they did everything possible to facilitate its construction.

All these things add up to the reasons for the Hug-the-Coast Highway celebration in Raymondville Tuesday. They add up to the realization of one dream of 27 years—the Diamond Loop Highway. They add up to the attribute that has made South Texas one of the fastest-developing sections of Texas, through depression or prosperity—the will of its people to do and the willingness of its people to cooperate in the public interest. They add up to the steady progress of a section of Texas whose economy is rooted in agriculture and livestock-raising, whose luxuries are coming, more and more each year, from the magic of oil, whose transportation problems are being overcome steadily by land, by sea and by air, whose values stem more from the class of its citizens than from the wealth they are able to accumulate.

And so the folks from the Sabine to the Rio Grande will meet at Raymondville Tuesday. There'll be railroad men, and steamship men, and highway men and airline men, and ranchmen, and oil men, and bankers, and merchants, and preachers and newspapermen—all helping to celebrate the continued advancement of South Texas.

Sentry Shoots

Officers Laud Act At Fort Devens

FORT DEVENS, Mass.—(AP)—An army sentry's discharge of his rifle to halt an automobile—with resultant wounding of a young woman occupant—was upheld and "commended" Saturday night by the soldier's superiors.

The bullet struck Mrs. Louise DeRocher, 25, of Nashua, N. H., in the neck, after ricocheting from the car. She suffered only a minor wound.

Army officials said Mrs. DeRocher was in an automobile which disregarded a warning to stop and drove into the fort while the sentry was examining credentials of passengers in a bus at the main gate.

The University of Mexico was founded in 1553.

'Papa' Of Highway



If any one man deserves to be called the "Papa" of the long sought Kenedy county road, it is Nat Wetzel of Raymondville, shown above in the midst of brush and sand such as was encountered by the road builders in constructing through Kenedy county one of the toughest roads to build ever attempted. Mr. Wetzell has given nearly all his time and efforts for many years to pushing for the Kenedy road. Tuesday should really be a BIG day for him.

SPANISH, FRENCH HISTORIC ITEMS TO BE EXCHANGE

MADRID—(AP)—Fifty thousand art treasures and historical documents taken from Spanish museums by Napoleon are being returned by the Vichy government at the order of French chief of state, Philippe Petain, it was disclosed here.

The treasures include several of Murillo's works, among them the "Imaculada," jeweled crowns and tapestries.

In return for the archives, the Spanish government will send back to France part of the golden tent which King Francois I of France used at the Battle of Pavia in 1525. That relic is made of golden cloth studded with gems.

WETZEL RIDES WITH PRESS

Willacy Leader Will Head Motorcade

RAYMONDVILLE—Nat Wetzel, one of the ardent supporters and workers for the Hug-the-Coast Highway, will leave Raymondville Monday for San Antonio to come down on the Union Bus for the press that will head the motorcade from the north.

Wetzel is particularly pleased with two telegrams he has just received, one from Isidor Diaz, engineer, director general of Mexican highways, saying that Senors Gilberto del Arenal, Manuel Dominquez and Crescancio Gonzales, division engineer of the State of Tamaulipas; all engineers from the Mexican Highway Department will meet in San Antonio for the four-day trip from San Antonio to Orange and on down the Hug-the-Coast Highway to Brownsville.

The other wire was from the Highway Department at Austin saying W. G. Staggs, resident engineer at Corpus Christi, would meet the party in San Antonio and accompany it on the entire trip.

For several years, those interested in the Hug-the-Coast Highway, which connects with the Matamoros-Victoria highway to Mexico City at Brownsville, have been eager to show the advantages of such a highway to Mexican officials.

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U. S. Finds Warring Italy Is Heavy Economic Drain On German Resources

NAZIS' COAL TOPS DUCE'S IMPORT LIST

U. S. Official Shows Axis Disparity

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Indications that Italy is proving a heavy economic drain on her German Axis partner were reported Saturday by the commerce department.

Writing in the Foreign Commerce Weekly, Louis Domeratzky, chief of the department's regional information division, said an analysis showed "not only the great economic disparity between the two countries, but also the high degree of dependence of Italy on German resources."

Nazi Assistance

The full measure of German assistance to her partner cannot be ascertained because of lack of current trade statistics, he said, but the "fundamental character and scope" is disclosed in a review of their economic relations appearing in a German publication which is regarded as representing Nazi economic theories and policies.

Domeratzky said that while the article was intended to show Italy's growing economic strength, that purpose was "definitely overshadowed by the revelation of the degree of dependence of Italy on the senior totalitarian partner as a source of supply and a market."

Coal First Import

Coal occupies firt rank among commodities which Italy must import from Germany, he said, and is being supplied at a rate of 1,000,000 tons a month, which "involves considerable strain" on railway facilities.

Germany also is Italy's chief supplier of metals and metal manufactures, lumber, petroleum, and chemicals, including fertilizer, he added.

At the same time, Germany is the chief market for Italy's agricultural exports, taking one-third of her total shipments.

"It should be pointed out," he said, "that while the supplies that Germany obtains from Italy are of some importance, and include such essential products as mercury and sulphur, on the whole they are of much less importance than those for which Italy is absolutely dependent on Germany."

Rose Cup Tour

Judges Meet Monday At McAllen

McALLEN—Judges of the Valley Rose Cup competition, of which Mrs. C. H. Schwedes of Weslaco is chairman, will have luncheon at the Casa de Palmas Hotel here Monday at noon.

They will judge in McAllen, Donna, Mission, Edinburg and Pharr that day. Only one judging will be done this year, due to lack of interest in the contest in the spring.

Funds for paying expenses of the judges were collected from the citiese by the McAllen Chamber of Commerce which was designated by the Valley Secretaries Association to have charge of the competition.

Nazi Farmers Are Urged To Continue Present Good Work

BERLIN—(AP)—Argentine-born German Agriculture Minister Walther Darre declared that Germany, in the second year of war, has the highest food standard in all Europe, thanks to the efforts of her farmers.

He exhorted the farmers, in a nationwide radio broadcast, to cling to Nazi farming principles to boost production and contribute their share to the German war effort. Despite hardships, Darre said, the Reich's farmers scored extraordinary increases in certain vital products.

McAllen Girl Will Be Given Audition

McALLE[illegible]ohy Murray will be auditioned Mon[illegible] Kingsville for the Texas School of the Air programs to be presented during the winter by the State Department of Education.

Miss Murray, McAllen junior high school student, will play clarinet and piano accordion solos for her audition. She will be accompanied by Bill Gartland.

Tourists To Join In Music Program

McALLEN — Musical numbers from each of the city's tourist camps will be featured with Bill Gartland's junior band at a musical evening at the First Christian church Friday, December 20, at 7:30 p. m.

Sponsored by the women's auxiliary of the church, the one-hour program is open to the public, free of charge, Mrs. A. O. Scharff, president, announced Saturday.

Refugee Ship Death List Mounts To 223

ISTANBUL, Turkey—(AP)—The death list from the capsizing of a Jewish refugee ship on a reef in the Sea of Marmora mounted to 223 Saturday and officials said about one-half of the bodies had been recovered.

Survivors of the wreck of the 100-ton wooden vessel huddled in temporary camps near the shore.

Trim House With Southern Accent Built For Cash Outlay Of $416.43

By ED L. CAMPBELL
AP Feature Service

BATESVILLE, Ark.—What kind of a five-room house can be built for $416.43 cash?

Experimenters at the Arkansas livestock and forestry experiment station answer, surprisingly:

A completely modern house—solid, sound and attractive.

A model home, construction of which cost just $416.43, stands today at the station as the sign post to a new field of low-cost housing.

Into it the University of Arkansas College of Agriculture put years of investigation aimed at promoting higher standards of rural housing at minimum cost.

College extension service workers emphasized three things: Careful planning, use of home and family labor, and utilization of materials native to the farm and community.

Cash was spent only for skilled labor and commercial materials such as cement, hardware, roofing, millwork and plumbing.

A Stone Foundation

All other values incorporated into the house consisted of unskilled farm labor, native stone, sand, logs and native sawmill lumber.

Exclusive of plumbing and electricity, the same house could be building for $214.73.

Built on a low stone foundation with an "Old South" type front, the neat white cottage has a definitely attractive exterior. Interiors are built so that almost any desired finish can be used.



This model five-room farm house cost $416.43 cash. It was built largely by unskilled labor using native materials.

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The usual framework and covering layers were omitted. The floors, walls, partitions and ceilings were made in "crib" style. This novel construction employs two-by-fours laid solid, in much the same manner as bricks are laid, to form a four-inch thickness. Masonry includes solid stone foundation, fireplace, flues and porch floors.

The house was finished on the outside with whitewash. Inside, the wood surfaces were smoothed and sanded and made suitable for any desired finish.

The interior also was fitted with a built-in kitchen cabinet, electric lights and plumbing. The house has two bedrooms, a living room, combined kitchen-dining room, hallway, pantry, bath and five closets.

Roger W. Babson Says

Small Companies Now Getting Break With Help Of New Securities And Exchange Commission; Bureau Lauded

By ROGER W. BABSON

NEW YORK CITY — It becomes more and more apparent that the Securities and Exchange Commission has done a remarkable job in protecting the interests of the average investor. The Commission has proved a good watch dog of the market. Originally, the SEC Act of 1933 called for the registration of all security offerings to the public in excess of $30,000. This ceiling was raised some time ago in certain cases. The Commission announced on December 3 that domestic issuers of security issues up to $100,000 are now exempt from the registration provisions of the Act. They need not even fill out a prospectus. This will prove a great aid to small concerns. It is a step in the right direction by the SEC. The Commission should, however, move the lid over a little more and ultimately put the exemption up to $500,000.

The SEC has never used the power of the law embraced in the Security Act to its fullest extent. I believe the Commission is conscious of its power but, at the same time, is resolved to treat business gentle. Small businesses, now in need of new capital, should immediately take advantage of the new and simplified procedure. To raise up to $100,000 requires now only a letter to the nearest regional office in which a firm gives notice of its intent. Enclosed with this letter should be copies of any selling literature. Larger concerns also will, undoubtedly, be aided in the near future through being required to submit less complicated data.

Industries Hipped On Bigness

The trouble with business today is that it is like a church without a Sunday School. Without Sunday Schools, as feeders for church memberships, the doors of our religious houses would have to close. Our business structure, likewise, needs more small concerns which in time can grow into big ones. One normal reason for unemployment is the lack of employers. My father always felt a man's standing in his community depended upon whether he was an employer or an employee. Any young man who wants to become an employer should be encouraged to get into business for himself.

Smaller and younger business concerns should be favored by government agencies and bankers. This is also the best way to prevent monopolies. Unfortunately, young business men and small concerns have received scant, if any, encouragement up to the present time from government agepcies. Private agencies, particularly the banks, have also given them the cold shoulder. Banks with funds of depositors to invest are still attracted to the commercial paper of large concerns at rates of one-half to one per cent. Most of our bank officials have forgotten that the present size of many of our institutions are brought about by the faith and interest their predecessors showed in the small business man and small concern. Unfortunately, collateral has superseded character in the minds of too many bank directors.

Exactly how much business has been lost to investment dealers through private placements of stock, bond, and note issues, as a result of the SEC regulations, will probably never be accurately known. That the investment banking business has dried up since the advent of the SEC is only too evident. For the first ten months of this year, which embraced the latest figures available, there was a total of $2,019,000,000 in new financing. Of this $577,700,000, or 28.6 percent, in new issues was privately placed with insurance companies, investment trusts, large estates and big individual investors. Private financing of utilities has nearly doubled in the past three years.

I forecast a new deal for investment dealers and a distinct change from a desire by investors to own only the "blue chips." There are small concerns, both listed and unlisted, that are destined to enjoy great growth and profits. Investment dealers should take on a new lease of life and get wise to coming changes. They should anticipate the trend of interest in small companies and resulting small flotations. We all should swim with it, rather than against the tide. From now on the "unlisted" business should increase with leaps and bounds.

This anticipated interest in small companies and the changing status of many men from employee to employer class should especially benefit the smaller communities. The 1940 census figures show conclusively how the growth of many large urban centers has already stopped. Salaries, wages, living costs, and especially taxes are lower in the small towns, nearly all of which now have good transportation and other facilities necessary for the small manufacturer. Horace Greely advised the young man to go West. Our great West is still a land of many opportunities, but regardless of the young man of today's direction, let him locate in a relatively small community. Business men and investors alike should remember that, if one knows how to use it, "a small fire warms better than a large one!"

P-SJ-A CHOIR SETS PROGRAM

Students Will Sing Tuesday Night

PHARR—The A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Ward Timmons, director of vocal music, will present its first full concert of the year at the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo high school auditorium Tuesday night, December 17.

The P-SJ-A choir has received high praise from music lovers for its excellent renditions, achieved in a short time.

Timmons said secret of the choir's success lies in the rigid discipline of the group during the rehearsals and in the intense concentration during the performance itself.

The concert program will be presented in four groups with a very fine variety program after the intermission by the high school sextette, composed of Anna Mae Flowers, Marjorie Britten, Edwella Draeger, Willa Jean Faris, Dorothy Moseley, and Mae Marie Buckner, with Paul Flowers accompanist; gay ninety ballads by Bob Ricks, a member of the choir; duet, composed of A. W. Yeats, tenor, of the high school English faculty and Joy Levens, soprano, a member of the choir. Miss Daisy Ellen Polk, soprano, who teaches music in Pharr grammar school, will sing a Christmas number.

Choir program offers the following compositions: Group I—"Tenebrae Factae Sunt," Palestrine; "Hark Now Shepherds," Luvacs; "Voix Celestes," Alcock; "How Blest Are They," P. Tschaikowsky.

Group II—"Say Thou Lovest Me," Noble Cain; "Dear Land of Home," from "Finlandia," Sibelius; "God Bless America," Berlin-Timmons; "Star-Spangled Banner," Key.

Group III—"Love Divine," (Welsh choral) Prichard-Jones; "In the Night Christ Came Walking," Cain; "Lullaby on Christmas Eve," Christiansen; "Ole' Arks A-Moverin'," Cain.

Group IV—"Resting in His Love," Soderstrom; "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," Lutkin.

Edinburg To Name New C. C. Manager

EDINBURG—Selection of a manager for the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce is expected to take place soon, President Otto Kusel announced Saturday, but no date has been set for the next board of directors' meeting, at which action on the selection is scheduled.

The chamber is to name a successor to S. M. (Pat) Patterson, who served here a month before accepting a better position with the Littlefield chamber in West Texas.

Last Picture Of Lothian



This is one of the last pictures made of Lord Lothian, British ambassador to the United States, who died unexpectedly as the result of a uremic infection. The picture was made at the embassy in Washington as Lord Lothian received for shipment to England gifts of dolls and toys from Junior Red Cross members. With him are, left to right: Joan Ford, Phyllis Killinger and John Doyle.

Messenger Boy Hero, Helping Catch Hold Up Man Chased By Manager Of Sandwich Ship Who Gets Wounded

HOUSTON—(AP)—An 18-year-old messenger boy and a sandwich shop manager Saturday thwarted a 28-year-old bandit who attempted to hold up the shop.

"This is a stick-up," the bandit announced, flourishing a pistol as he entered.

Charles Bates, night manager, handed over the receipts, then grabbed a butcher knife and threw it at the man.

The bandit fired at Bates but missed and the manager pursued him as he ran down the street.

Suddenly, the bandit turned and fired thrice more at Bates. One bullet wounded the manager in the leg.

The telegraph messenger, Jack W. Baldridge, heard the firing, tackled the robber and held him until the wounded Bates caught up and helped disarm the man.

Grand Coulee dam, which will cost $118,000,000, is the most expensive ever projected.

Man Is Convicted On Check Charge

EDINBURG—Convicted in county court of swindling with a worthless check, Floyd C. West was fined $1 and costs Saturday. Assistant District Attorney Hollis Rankin prosecuted for the state.

FIRM IS PAID FOR SERVICES

Engineers May Seek Hidalgo Contract

EDINBURG—County Tax Collector Clay Everhard said Saturday he had written Pritchard and Abbott, Fort Worth valuation engineering firm, asking whether they would seek another contract to evaluate Hidalgo county property in 1941.

The company handled oil properties in 1939 and both oil and utilities in 1940, but have not asked for a renewal of their contract, the collector said.

A check for $521 for most of 1939 work was mailed to the firm yesterday, he said. The contract provides that the firm be paid four cents per each $100 valuation made by them on which taxes have been paid.

Everhard said a new contract must be signed between now and January 15, 1941, in order that the work can be completed by April 30.

The $521 paid yesterday on the 1939 valuation does not represent the total amount for that year, according to the auditor's office. Pritchard and Abbott claim they are due about $700. The dispute lies in bookkeeping methods, it was explained.

The commissioners' court last Tuesday gave Everhard authority to seek renewal of the Pritchard and Abbott contract. County officials said the firm must not have been satisfied with their returns from the oil valuations or they would have pressed for another contract some time ago.

Everhard said the Fort Worth engineers could do the work much cheaper than his staff or any local engineer because they are doing the same work for 52 counties and have a man at Austin to check necessary oil, gas and pipeline reports on which much of the valuation must be based.

McAllen Officials Pay Parking Fines

McALLEN—Overparking on Friday the thirteenth proved unlucky for Mayor Horace Etchison's wife and the attorney for the city gas system.

Mrs. Etchison and Attorney E. A. McDaniel were each fined $1 by City Judge C. D. Martin Saturday morning with Mrs. Mary Hyatt.

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Here is the reason:—Grapefruit juice is a new and sensational discovery in the baking industry. It has been found to have unique and unlimited possibilities.

The time is coming when baking companies all over the nation will recognize the advantage of "Made O'Grapefruit" Bread.

When this time arrives a vast new market will be created for the Valley's most important agricultural product.

If only one tenth of all the bread baked every day in the United States contained grapefruit juice, every pound of grapefruit grown in Texas, Florida, and California would be needed to supply the necessary juice.

As the reputation of "Made O' Grapefruit" Bread spreads, the demand for grapefruit juice will grow swiftly. Bakers can afford to pay good prices for grapefruit juice because its unique properties permit economics in the ordinary baking process.

Any baking plant can afford to pay enough for grapefruit juice to justify a price of $10 or even $15 per ton to grove owners.

Think of what this promises for the Valley. As more people try "Made O'Grapefruit" Bread and find it is better bread, its popularity will spread throughout the country. Other baking plants, already interested, will begin producing grapefruit bread. A vast new outlet for Valley grapefruit juice will be created. Instead of a surplus of grapefruit,there will be a shortage.

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It's the same delicious flavor you can remember as a child when mother baked all her own bread.

It's the same delicious flavor found in home-made bread—the flavor you love.

Compare a slice of Sally Ann "Made O' Grapefruit" bread with a slice of ordinary baker's bread. Notice the rich, firm texture; the appetizing "fresh-baked" aroma; the creamy color of Sally Ann bread. You'll understand why we say, "Flour makes a big difference."

Some types of flour are so intensely milled in the effort to produce a "snowy white" flour that much of the original food value in the wheat grain is lost during the milling process. KIMBELL'S BEST loses no part of the wheat grain in milling except the coarse bran hull. All the rich food elements found in wheat are retained in KIMBELL'S BEST flour.

Nor is KIMBELL'E BEST subjected to artificial coloring process. Most so-called "white" flours are chemically bleached to give added whiteness. This chemical bleaching is not used in producing KIMBELL'S BEST.

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GERMAN SUB BASE RAIDED AT BORDEAUX

Destructive Attack Is RAF Claim

By The Associated Press

LONDON—A swift and destructive raid on the submarine base of the great southwest French port of Bordeaux was credited officially Saturday to bombers of the RAF coastal command.

It was the newest British counter-stroke at the U-boat menace which is the outstanding peril in the siege of this island kingdom—one of a series of raids which authoritative sources declared are causing "grave concern" to German military leaders.

Factories Bombed

On the German North Sea coast, the shipyards and docks of Kiel and the factories of Bremen were bombed by other British raiders, and docks and airdromes in the Netherlands were attacked.

The glow of strong fires from incendiary bombs penetrated the heavy clouds over Bremen, the air ministry said.

Authoritative sources said Saturday the RAF has made 35 raids on Berlin alone and that the Hamm Railway has been bombed no fewer than 85 times "in the operations against Berlin."

Railroads Disorganized

The railway network across Germany has been severely disorganized by raids, these sources declared, adding that since October the Nazi submarine base at Lorient, France, has been "plastered" by bombs 30 times.

They listed these additional results of RAF forays:

More than 60 raids on Hamburg, greatest shipping port on the European continent, and the port is now "almost unrecognizable" and "practically useless."

The Dortmund-Ems Canal, vital junction of the German canal system, has been attacked more than 30 times and industrial works, munitions factories and oil plants have been "destroyed" in nearly 60 raids on Cologne in the Rhineland industrial area.

Rotterdam Hard Hit

Rotterdam also has felt the sting of the RAF bombers in 30 raids, and some 20 "concentrated attacks" have been made on the Wallhaven airdrome.

Other RAF flights have dropped bombs on Essen, site of the Krupp Munitions Plant, 36 times; on Gelsenkirchen, 40 times. The Bremen wireless base, where "Lord Haw Haw" nightly jibes at Britain, has been under attack by the RAF more than 50 times.

In addition, the RAF has bombed almost nightly the channel ports from which it was expected that the Nazis would launch their invasion of the British ports. Boulogne alone has had 60 raids, and Dunkerque 40.

Middle East Visited

In the middle east, the sources said, Tobruk, Libya, has been bombed 43 times, and Turin, Italy, housing the great Fiat Works, has been raided 14 times.

"In adidtion, these sources said, no effort has been spared to help the Greeks drive the Italians into the Adriatic."

Pan American Opens New Orleans Office For Southern Route

NEW ORLEANS —(AP)— Pan American Airways Saturday announced the opening of its offices here in the expectation of developing air service between New Orleans and Pan American countries.

Officials of the company announced that it had made formal application to the Civil Aeronautics Board last January for expanding service through New Orleans and was awaiting decision of the board.

Rusk's Benefactor Succumbs Saturday

RUSK—(AP)—A flower lover who turned his hobby into a civic enterprise and spent his spare time for several years in beautifying Rusk's city lake died here Saturday.

He was Yates Smith, 62, a native of Cherokee county, who for some 12 years was Rusk's city water superintendent.

Model Plane Activities

By GARVER MURRAY

When R. G. Temple, Jr., turned his plane loose last Sunday, he didn't expect it to wind up in jail, but that is where it is at this writing.

In the ten minutes and thirty seconds out of sight flight, it flew right into Mexico, landing at a ranch at Panalita, twelve miles east of Rio Rico, and the Mexicans thought it was some sort of bomb, and notified the authorities at Matamoros. They came ont and took the plane into town, and in the absence of the mayor, who was out hunting, they put the model in jail. Mr. Louis Bruly, who is connected with the U. S. D. A., and who found out about the model being in Mexico, has made necessary arrangements with custom officials to return it to this side of the river, as soon at the mayor comes back from hunting, and releases it. This is the first time to my knowledge, that a plane took off on a flight and wound up in jail in another country.

Mr. W. T. Gooch was down and said that the best way to get to the flying field today, is to turn north on the first road west of the flood way, and turn back east at the first road, then straight ahead to the same location that we used before. He also was needing some repairs to his motor, cause it got the worst end of a crack-up, but he said his Wedgie would be ready again for today. Gene Brown is trying his hand at a redesigned Wedgie for his Ohlsson 23—what happened to your other plane, Gene? Tommy Jo Lambertson and Eugene White are still trying to get another winning rubber powered job together—Eugene has built one.

I hear Phil Atteberry has a new way of flying at night, he uses long leads on his boosters, and runs around after his plane carrying them, and when the plane gets the best of him he just pulls his leads loose, and stops the motor—some fun, eh? How about putting some shears on your landing gear, and cutting out some of that brush up there, Phil?

It seems that the folks down at Los Fresnos are getting anxious to see some more flying, how about getting up a gang to go down there during the holidays, and putting on an exhibition just for fun. Sam can let me know if the folks want to see it, he owes me a visit anyway.

By the way, Sam has ordered an Ohlsson 60—but the order was so hot it burned the factory down when it reached there. Mr. Ohlsson has asked that everyone bear with him, and that they will get back into production just as fast as they can, no records or orders were lost in the fire.

I have noticed that so many of the boys have trouble with their motors starting, did you know that ninety-nine percent of motor trouble is traced to faulty ignition wiring? So check up on that wiring in your models, see that the connections are clean, and that they don't touch each other. Keep your spark plugs clean, be careful and don't break the porcelain, or if it is already broken replace it with a new plug. Keep your fuel mixture clean, and don't drop your eye-droppers in the dirt, then fill up your crankcase with a mixture of sand and dirt. I want you boys to remember your gas model pledge, and be sure you have picked a good location for testing your models, and don't be testing them in vacant lots in town. Go outside the city limits, if it is too far to your local airport, and then be sure the field manager knows you are there, that is when you are at the airport. We don't want to get anyone hurt. FLY SAFELY. It is estimated that more than two million, five hundred thousand model airplanes will be flown in flights this year by modelers following official regulations. When one considers the tremendous importance of this activity in making the nation more airminded one cannot help but realize the vast importance of aeromodeling to full scale aviation. But we must pay attention to the rules and regulations laid down by the Academy of Model Aeronautics, they are for your good, and benefit; please obey the rules. (Has anyone seen Bo Scott lately?)

Adios.

The war department has designated some 75,000 miles of highways, already built, as a "strategic network" particularly well adapted to military needs.

YULE EXHIBIT TAKES AWARD

Edcouch Club Marks Home-Made Xmas

EDCOUCH—"Home-Made Christmas" formed the theme for the prize-winning exhibit shown by the Lone Star Home Demonstration Club of Edcouch, at the Weslaco Birthday Show. The exhibit was awarded first place and $15.

The winning exhibit was arranged in a 10-foot space which was set apart from the other exhibits by a home-made chain or rope. At the back of the booth was a decorated tree bearing such ornaments as metal disks, miniature cotton sheep, small Santa Claus made of similar material, silver bells, and tinsel baubles. All of these multi-colored decorations were brought out in strong relief against the green background of the tree by garlands and festoons of pop corn and cranberries. Tree was topped by a gold metal angel. To the rear and above the tree was a realistic Christmas wreath made of crissa and small red Mexican peppers.

On steps leading up to the tree were arranged about 35 gifts. Among the gifts displayed were a crocheted table cloth, a knitted sweater, a fruit cake, alabaster book ends, embroidered dish towels, kitchen aprons, Christmas cards, quilt, dolls, pot holders and canned goods.

Much credit is due the committee composed of Mesdames Hoke McKim, club president; John D. Pickens, and Clyde C. Hand for working out and arranging of this exhibit.

WEATHER

(Official U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast)

THE VALLEY: Cloudy, occasional light rain or drizzle, not much change in temperature. Moderate to fresh northerly winds.

LOUISIANA: Cloudy, occasional light rain or drizzle Sunday and Monday, slightly colder Sunday. Moderate, occasionally fresh, north and northeast winds on the coast.

ARKANSAS: Cloudy, occasional ligth rain or drizzle Sunday and Monday, not much change in temperature Sunday, Monday slightly warmer.

EAST TEXAS: Cloudy, occasional light rain or drizzle, with freezing rain or drizzle over extreme northwest portion, not much change in temperature Sunday; Monday cloudy, occasional light rain or drizzle, slightly warmer over northwest portion. Moderate to fresh northerly winds on the coast.

MISSOURI: Cloudy, occasional light rain in southeast, freezing rain northeast portion Sunday; Monday mostly cloudy, not so cold west and north portions.

KANSAS: Partly cloudy and warmer west and central, cloudy extreme east portion Sunday; Monday generally fair and warmer.

OKLAHOMA: Cloudy, light freezing drizzle east and south portions Sunday; Monday mostly cloudy, occasional light rain southeast portion, warmer Monday and in Panhandle Sunday.

ARIZONA: Fair Sunday and Monday. Colder Sunday night and over west and central portions Sunday afternoon. Warmer west portion Monday.

NEW MEXICO: Partly cloudy with occasional light snow over mountains west portion, mostly cloudy with intermittent light snow or drizzle east portion Sunday with slowly improving conditions east portion late Sunday. Monday fair west portion and decreasing cloudiness east portion. Slightly colder west portion late Sunday.

WEST TEXAS: Mostly cloudy with intermittent light freezing drizzle Sunday, conditions improving slowly southwest portion late Sunday. Monday slowly decreasing cloudiness with occasional drizzle southeast portion. Continued cold Sunday with temperatures slowly moderating Monday.

The Tides

The tides for Sunday: High tides at 1:17 a. m. and 5:14 p. m. Low tides at 9:16 a. m. and 10:23 p. m.

The tabular data is for the 24 hours preceding yesterday at 6:30 a. m.

STATION	Highest last 24 hours	Lowest last Night	Precipitation (inches)
Abilene	57	26	.39
Albuquerque	51	21	.00
Amarillo	20	14	.03
Albany, N. Y.	38	14	.00
Atlanta	63	50	.22
Boston	52	20	.00
Chicago	38	25	.00
Cincinnati	38	30	.04
Cleveland	32	24	.00
Corpus Christi	71	48	.01
Del Rio	59	47	.01
Denver	6	—11	.00
Detroit	25	15	.00
Dodge City	12	10	.05
El Paso	61	41	.00
Fort Smith	45	40	.13
Fort Worth	41	33	.58
Galveston	65	50	1.02
Havre, Mont.	9	— 7	.00
Huron	9	5	.01
Jacksonville	79	54	.00
Kansas City	32	19	.00
Memphis	47	41	.00
Miami	79	64	.00
Mobile	67	61	1.55
New Orleans	66	60	.44
New York City	54	29	.00
Norfolk	72	40	.17
North Platte	5	3	.16
Oklahoma City	29	20	.00
Pale Line	50	43	.06
Pittsburgh	37	26	.00
St. Louis	34	29	.13
Salt Lake City	25	6	.00
San Antonio	55	43	.09
Sheridan	8	—13	.00
Shreveport	60	45	.00
Tampa	78	63	.09
Washington	38	34	.25
Williston	14	3	.00
Wilmington, N. C.	72	57	.00

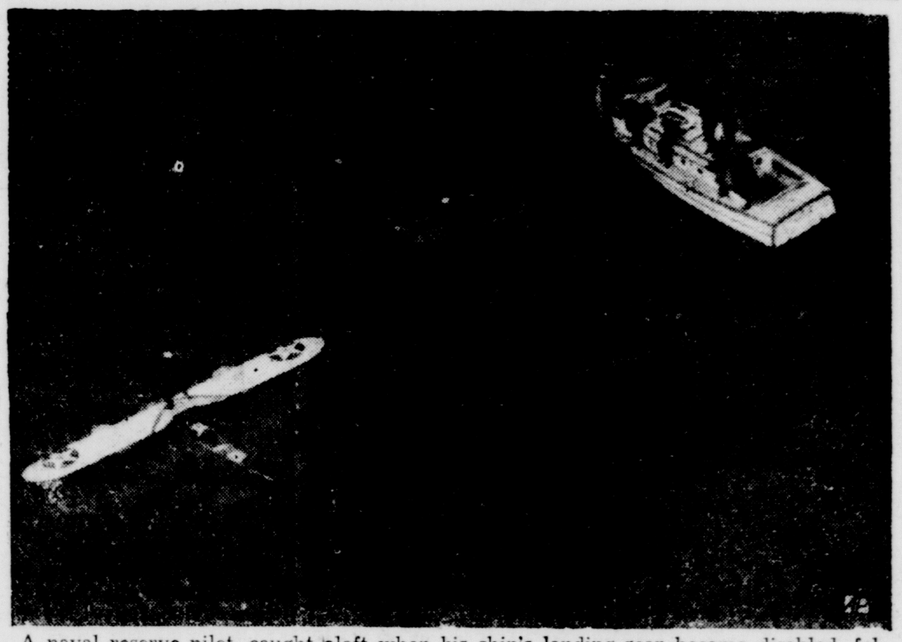
ALAMO—Mr. and Mrs. David F. Smith of Yakima, Washington, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Cloughley and son.



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Land Crippled Plane In Water



A naval reserve pilot, caught aloft when his ship's landing-gear became disabled, followed orders and put his plane (left) down successfully in Jamaica bay, New York. Here a coast guard boat (right) takes charge after removing the crew and putting a mechanic aboard the partly submerged plane to begin salvage. The pilot was Ensign R. A. Winston.

Cold Wind Ends Tub Sit-Down Strike

Three Boys In Hurry To Bathe For Dates Pout For 11 Hours

PARKVILLE, Mo.—(AP)—Three Park College freshmen, disputing prior rights to a dormitory bathtub, went on a sitdown strike—in the tub.

Cold water, turned on by other students with cleanliness ideas, failed to end the contest. Finally, someone opened dormitory windows. Cold blasts of winterish air routed the three sitters at 3 o'clock Saturday morning, some 11 hours after the Marathon began.

Meanwhile, three young coeds, waited and waited for dates that didn't show up.

The tub sitters wouldn't discuss the episode Saturday, but fellow students told this story:

Max Lowe of Casper, Wyo., started cleaning up for a date at 4 p. m., Friday. Soon, in the opinion of Bill Turner, also of Casper, Lowe "had been in there long enough." An argument began over "time limits" for bathing.

Finally, Turner climbed into the tub with Lowe. He had a date, too, and was in a hurry. But instead of bathing the boys argued. Each then decided to out-sit the other.

Soon along came Bob Gaiser of Kansas City. He also had a date and was in a hurry to bathe. But his classmates declined to vacate the tub—So he climbed in, too.

All three just sat there.

The hours passed. Time for dates slipped by. Still no truce.

About midnight other students, protesting the tub was a community privilege, turned on cold water in the tub, whose contents long since had grown lukewarm. Failure. The sitters shivered—and continued to sit.

Early this morning somebody opened dormitary windows. That worked. Out raced Lowe, Turner and Gaiser, teeth chattering.

Sometime during the argument the three made a "last-man" bet. Gaiser paid off with a round of triple-egg malted milks.

Citrus Growers Are Warned Against Accepting Checks On Outside Banks

EDINBURG — District Attorney Tom L. Hartley of Hidalgo county cautioned citrus growers and shippers Saturday against the possibility of losses they may sustain by accepting out-of-state checks for their fruit.

This is the time of year, when fruit sales are heavy and shipments are numerous, that fruit sellers should "thoroughly investigate" checks written to them on banks in other states, the prosecutor said. He makes the warning annually in an effort to reduce the number of "hot" check cases filed with his office.

Prosecution of cases involving checks on out-of-state banks, Hartley explained, is difficult. In event such a check is proved to be bogus and even if the check writer is apprehended, the work of presenting evidence before a district court is burdensome because it involves extradition proceedings between two governors, Hartley said. No funds are available for bringing witnesses from an out-of-state point to appear in court, nor are there funds available for the district attorney's office to send representatives before the governors asking extradition of a defendant, if he is arrested in some other state.

Despite the removal of many handicaps by passage of the Texas "hot" check law, which took effect in September of 1939, prosecution of such cases has been simplified in Texas but is still a major problem when residents or banks in other states are involved.

There are two kinds of "hot" checks, Hartley said. One is the misdemeanor type of case in which a check for less than $50 is involved, the other a felony in which more than $50 is involved. The former type of case is tried in county courts, the latter is district. Under the new Texas check law, the county court is now authorized to subpoena witnesses from other counties. But the opposite is true in out-of-state cases, where a witness can be asked to appear in court in this state but cannot be forced to do so under any existing regulation.

In most cases involving bogus checks written on an out-of-state bank, a teller from the bank must testify in the case to establish the state's evidence as to fraud. Thus many prosecutions are halted when it is impossible to convince the bank official of the necessity of his attendance, especially in view of the fact that he would have to bear his own expenses of transportation to the trial.

No Tickets Are Left For Sugar Bowl Tilt

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—Every seat in the 70,000 capacity Sugar Bowl football stadium here has been sold for the 1941 New Year's Day classic between Tennessee and Boston College, A. M. Goldberg, president of the New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association, announced. He said there was no need for anyone else to apply as every seat and also every combination ticket for the calendar week of sports had been disposed of.

Greece's Attache To Washington Enroute

LISBON, Portugal—(AP)—Col. P. Papvassiliou, formerly of the Greek general staff who recently arrived here from Athens, has been appointed Greek military attache at Washington and will leave shortly by trans-Atlantic clipper on what he termed a "special important mission."

Local Library Gets Civil Service Book

HARLINGEN—New "Civil Service Manual," by Sidney Alten, director of the New York Civil Service Institute, has been received at the local library, Mrs. Gerald McKenna, librarian, said Saturday.

The book is described as a complete home study course for all federal, state and city civil service examinations, and lists trial tests and requirements.

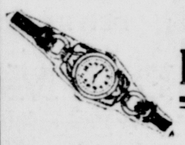
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Blazing Fires And Neat Tents Await 36 Division

CAMP BOWIE, Brownwood, Tex.—(AP)—Thirty-sixth Division troops en route here Saturday through freezing rain will find squad tents erected, their cots set up and gas fires blazing in each dwelling unit.

Woolens will be ready for issuance to all units from South Texas, and each man's size is already known to expedite distribution of warm clothing to 7500 officers and men due here Saturday afternoon in 56 motor movements.

Col. Ernest O. Thompson, division quarter-master, made arrangements to have dwelling units ready for the troops, which were not affected by Friday's order delaying movement of the major body of the thirty-sixth to the site of their one-year training grind here.

"We'll have everything but a cup of hot coffee waiting in their tents," he quipped, eyeing the freezing mist.

"They'll have a hot supper, and units from South Texas will get their woolens first thing after arrival. North Texas units have already been issued winter clothing."

Service and headquarters troops coming in by motor convoy Saturday to begin the major task of readying the camp for the 12,000 men who will be here soon after Christmas from Fort Worth, Dallas, Austin, New Braunfels, San Antonio, Denison, Marshall and Houston. Most of them are expected by mid-afternoon when Major General Claude V. Birkhead, commander of the thirty-sixth, will be officially welcomed by Brownwood and Brown county officials.

Main roads leading into the camp were made a little more serviceable Saturday with tons of rock and caliche, furnishing fairly good footing for swarming supply trucks.

All work that can be done in the misting rain will be pressed day and night in an effort to have the camp completed by December 27, the construction quartermaster's office announced.

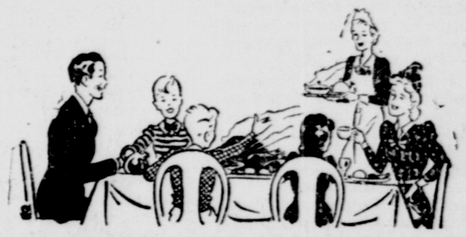
CITY HALL PUT ON BROWNSVILLE CLEAN-UP LIST

BROWNSVILLE — Even the Brownsville municipal building and city hall doesn't escape the eye of the Brownsville Fire Department inspectors and City Manager Ben Freudenstein Friday was handed the following notice:

"Rubbish, untidiness, ashes or trash in building. Trash or waste receptacles unsafe. Accumulation of empty boxes and barrels in building. Paint room and storeroom on second floor should be given thorough cleaning."

The report was signed by A. Briseno, inspector for the city fire marshal's office.

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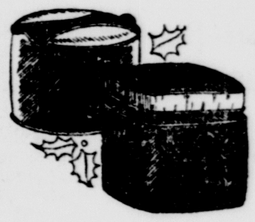
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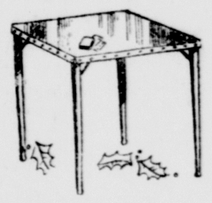
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Potatoes Without Soil Or Sunlight, Fabrics Made Without Wool, Cotton Fully Possible With New Chemistry

CHICAGO—(AP)—Potatoes produced without soil or sunlight? Fabrics made without wool or cotton?

It can be done by the magic of electrochemistry, Dr. Colin G. Fink of Columbia University says.

Dr. Fink told the National Industrial Chemical conference Friday that while "it is difficult to prophesy without being fantastic" the artificial production of foodstuffs and fabrics is fully possible.

Fundamentally, Dr. Fink explained, the synthetic production of potatoes requires nothing more than the substitution of one form of energy, electricity, for another, light. Just as the sunlight furnishes the energy for plants to create starches, so electricity can be used as the energy for manufacturing these same compounds artificially.

In the synthetic production of potatoes, the constituents of potato starch—carbon, hydrogen and oxygen—are driven together to form the compound by means of electricity. This same "driving together," he said, is done in plants by light furnished by the sun.

Dr. Fink said that fabrics may be made electrically in the near future and that they may become more popular than natural wool or cotton.

This process would utilize the phoenomenon of electrophoresis—the migration of particles in a solution from one part to another brought on by an electric field.

By placing in solution various compounds, such as wood pulp or rayon, and then drawing the particles together electrically into "mats" or "tufts," out of which fabric can be woven, "a new textile industry may be born," he said.

Class A-B All-Star Squad Named For Citrus Bowl Game Dec. 27

Coaches Pick 30 Gridders For Big Game

Tickets Go On Sale On Wednesday

HARLINGEN — The all-senior Class A and B squad which will meet the Class AA team in the Citrus Bowl game the night of December 27 in Harlingen, was named Saturday by Coaches Bob Martin of Mission and Ivo Schoppe of Donna.

All members of the 30-man squad have been approached, and all wish to play, so no changes are contemplated. The Citrus Bowl game is supposed, its sponsors said again Saturday, to match all-senior squads from the two groups.

AA Squad Named Soon

Coaches Brooks Conover and Dutch Flory of the AA squad have not been able to contact all of the eligible players of the AA teams yet, but expected Saturday to be able to announce personnel of their squad in another day or two.

Tickets go on sale Wednesday, Lions Clubs sponsors announced Saturday. They will be made available at all Valley cities simultaneously, it was stated, with all of the 12 sponsoring Lions Club having charge of the ticket sale.

Tickets Regular Price

As previously announced, the tickets will sell for prices similar to those charged for regular season games, being 50 cents for general admission, 75 cents for reserved seats, and 25 cents for school children. There will be approximately 800 reserved seats.

The 30-player squad announced by Coaches Schoppe and Martin includes five ends, six tackles, six guards, three centers, and 10 backs, drawn from the various Class A and Class B squads of the sector.

30 Men On Squad

Ends include Peeples and Tomme of Donna, Covington of Edcouch-Elsa, and Young and Seibert of Mercedes.

Tackles will be Bucy of Raymondville, Lagerstam of Lyford, Adame of Mercedes, Nusbaum of Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Hatchenberg of Weslaco and Kieddenger of Weslaco.

Guards are Johnson of Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Robie of Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Haning of Lyford, Guerra of Mission, Richardson of Donna and Snyder of Edcouch-Elsa.

Centers will be Kluckman of Raymondville, Delaney of Mercedes and Purdue of Pharr-San Juan-Alamo.

Backs include Villegas of Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Ross of Lyford, Wilson of Lyford, Garza of Mission, Avila of Donna, Wills of Donna, Foust of La Feria, Stevens of Weslaco, Dalton of Mercedes and Calloway of Raymondville.

Beginning of practice sessions will be announced soon. The Class A and B All-Stars will hold their practices on the Donna gridiron.

Schedule Is Set For Texas Mines

DALLAS — (AP) — Seven of nine Texas College of Mines football games for 1941 have been arranged and other has been tentatively scheduled, Mack Saxon, athletic director and head coach of the Border Conference team at El Paso said Saturday.

Saxon, one-time University of Texas great, said that either Gonzaga University's Bulldogs of Spokane or Marquette University Golden Avalanche of Milwaukee, Wis., would be met by his Miners at El Paso on November 15.

Games definitely scheduled include:

Sept. 27—Arizona State (Flagstaff) at El Paso.

Oct. 4—University of New Mexico at Albuquerque.

Oct. 11—Louisiana Tech at El Paso.

Oct. 25—Hardin-Simmons University at El Paso.

Nov. 1—University of Arizona at Tucson.

Nov. 8—Arizona State (Tempe) at Tempe.

Nov. 22—New Mexico Aggies at El Paso.

The Mines sports director said that another game would be scheduled for either mid-September or on October 18.

Majors To Open Season April 14

CHICAGO—(AP)— You can make your plans now for the opening of baseball's 1941 major league season.

On April 14 the New York Yankees will play at Washington for the sport's annual ceremonial start, major league officials decided. The next day the program for the big start will be:

National League: St. Louis at Cincinnati. Pittsburgh at Chicago. Boston at Philadelphia. New York at Brooklyn.

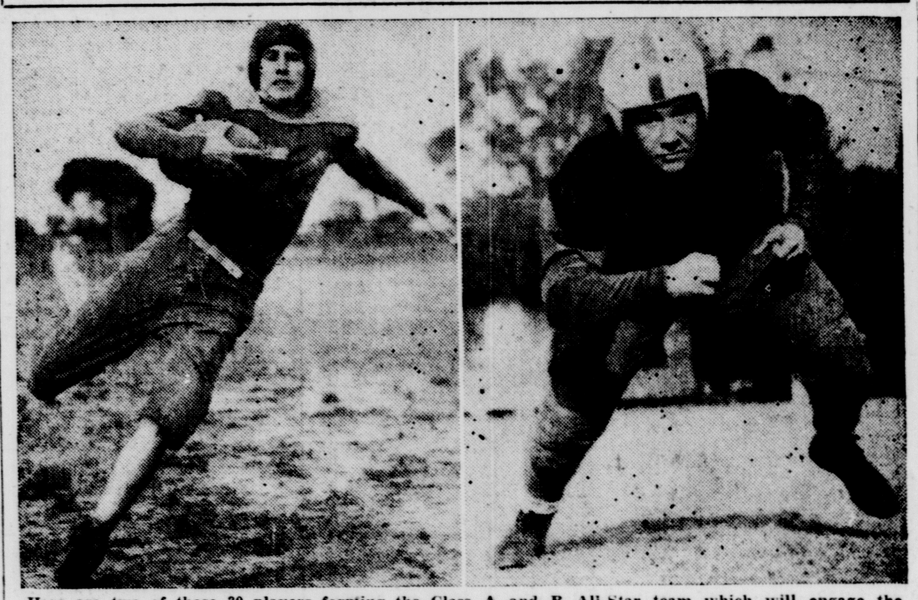
American League: Detroit at St. Louis. Chicago at Cleveland. Philadelphia at New York. Washington at Boston.

Athletics, Pirates To Meet Frequently

PHILADELPHIA —(AP)— Manager Connie Mack announced Saturday the Athletics had carded 39 spring exhibition games. These included: April 5, Pittsburgh at El Paso, Tex; 6, Pittsburgh at El Paso; 1, Pittsburgh at Albuquerque, N. Mex.; 8, Pittsburgh at Clovis, N. Mex.; 9, Pittsburgh at Oklahoma City; Pittsburgh at Oklahoma City.

The standard gauge of railways is 4 feet 8 1-2 inches.

Two Of The Class A-B All-Stars



Here are two of those 30 players forming the Class A and B All-Star team which will engage the AA All-Stars in the first annual Citrus Bowl charity game at Harlingen, the night of December 27. The youngster sidestepping the photographer (left) is Billy Wilson, 148-pound speedster who was one of the two big guns in the attack of Lyford's Class B champions. Wilson led Valley scorers this season with 86 points. The big fellow coming at you in the photo at right is Joe Adame, 200-pound tackle who was a power in the Mercedes line all season and a thorn in the side of Tiger opponents. He's going to be an awful lot of trouble to the AA boys December 27, and you can bet they all know it. (Staff Photos.)

Valley's Basketball Schedules

GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE

Tuesday, January 14
Brownsville at Edinburg
Harlingen at Mercedes
Raymondville vs. La Feria at Harlingen

Friday, January 17
Edinburg at Harlingen
Raymondville at Brownsville
La Feria at Mercedes

Tuesday, January 21
Raymondville at Edinburg
La Feria at Harlingen
Brownsville at Mercedes

Friday, January 24
La Feria at Edinburg
Raymondville at Mercedes
Harlingen at Brownsville.

Tuesday, January 28
Mercedes at Edinburg
La Feria at Brownsville
Raymondville at Harlingen

Friday, January 31
Edinburg at Brownsville
Mercedes at Harlingen
Raymondville vs. La Feria at Harlingen

Tuesday, February 4
Harlingen at Edinburg
Raymondville at Brownsville
La Feria at Mercedes

Friday, February 7
Raymondville at Edinburg
La Feria at Harlingen
Brownsville at Mercedes

Tuesday, February 11
Edinburg at La Feria
Raymondville at Mercedes
Brownsville at Harlingen

Friday, February 14
Edinburg at Mercedes
La Feria at Brownsville
Raymondville at Harlingen.

RIO LEAGUE

Tuesday, January 7
Weslaco at Edcouch
McAllen at Donna
Pharr at Mission

Tuesday, January 14
Weslaco at Pharr
McAllen at Mission
La Joya at Edcouch

Friday, January 17
La Joya at Pharr
Donna at Mission
McAllen at Weslaco

Tuesday, January 21
Edcouch at Pharr
Donna at Weslaco
La Joya at McAllen

Friday, January 24
Donna at La Joya
Edcouch at McAllen
Mission at Weslaco

Monday, January 27
Edcouch at Donna
Pharr at McAllen
Mission at La Joya

Wednesday, January 29
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Weslaco at La Joya
Pharr at Donna

Friday, January 31
Edcouch at Weslaco
Donna at McAllen
Mission at Pharr

Monday, February ..
Pharr at Weslaco
Mission at McAllen
Edcouch at La Joya

Wednesday, February 5
Pharr at La Joya
Mission at Donna
Weslaco at McAllen

Friday, February 7
Pharr at Edcouch
Weslaco at Donna
McAllen at La Joya

Tuesday, February 11
La Joya at Donna
McAllen at Edcouch
Weslaco at Mission

Friday, February 14
Donna at Edcouch
McAllen at Pharr
La Joya at Mission

Tuesday, February 18
Edcouch at Mission
La Joya at Weslaco
Donna at Pharr

RIO GRANDE LEAGUE

December 17
Lyford at Los Fresnos
Santa Rosa at El Jardin
Rio Hondo at Wilson Tract
Stuart Place—Bye

December 19
Lyford at Wilson Tract
Stuart Place at El Jardin
Santa Rosa at Rio Hondo
Los Fresnos—Bye

January 7
Los Fresnos at Wilson Tract
Stuart Place at Rio Hondo
Lyford at Santa Rosa
El Jardin—Bye

January 14
Rio Hondo at El Jardin
Los Fresnos at Santa Rosa
Stuart Place at Lyford
Wilson Tract—Bye

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Stuart Place at Santa Rosa
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El Jardin at Wilson Tract

Dizzy Buys Land

Arkansas' Hunting Lures Hurler

MORRILTON, Ark.—(AP)—Jerome "Dizzy" Dean, Chicago Cubs hurler, and Mrs. Dean became Arkansas landowners Saturday.

The Deans, who have been residing near Dallas, purchased a 258-acre farm at Bluffton, Yell county, from W. P. Strait, Morrilton attorney. Purchase price of the farm, on which is built a modern farm home, was not announced.

Dean told Strait that he intended to use the home as an off-season residence and hunting lodge. The land, 65 miles southwest of here, adjoins the huge Ouachita National Forest in which herds of deer roam.

Mission Begins Cage Practices

MISSION—Daily practice schedules for the 1940-41 Mission high school basketball team started this week under the direction of Coaches Bob Martin, Clarence Jarvis and Fritz Lehnhoff.

Four lettermen are included on the squad—Harold Ewald, Alfredo Flores, Wade Spilman and Tommy Landry. Others on the squad are Billy Smith, Howard Killinger, Robert Valadez, Sebastian Gonzales, Chico Castillo, Oscar Ramirez, Amador Hinojosa and Audencio Mungia.

Playing in the Rio League with La Joya, McAllen, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Donna, Weslaco and Edcouch-Elsa, the Mission team will play a two-game series with each school, one on the home court and one on the other team's court.

Unless lights are installed, all the home games will be played in the afternoon on the dirt courts located south of the football field. The first game scheduled is set for January 7 at Mission, when the Eagles play the Tri-City Bears.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Corpus Christi 6; Jeff Davis (Houston) 0.

Amarillo 27; El Paso 0.

Paris 6; Masonic Home 6 (Masonic Home won on penetrations)

Pearsall 6; Alice 0 (Region 10 Class A ...)

Fredericksburg 0; San Marcos 0 (Fredericksburg won on penetration—Region 9 Class A championship)

McAllen Netters Defeat Edinburg

McALLEN — The McAllen high school tennis squad coached by J. Lyle Hill opened the 1940-41 season Friday by defeating the Edinburg school team 3-1 at Edinburg.

Despite chilly weather and early season rustiness the matches were well-played and closely contested.

McAllen's C. H. Britton Jr., won the senior singles match by defeating Bobby Homan of Edinburg 9-7 and 6-0, while Carl Bright of Edinburg defeated Edward Lappart in the junior singles match 6-2, 6-2. McAllen won both doubles matches, with Marlin Chalk and Madison Smith defeating Jack Bright and Buster Baldridge 6-1, 6-3 in the senior round, while Kenny Wiesehan and Madison Smith downed Chester Henson and Jim Hass 6-3, 6-3, in the junior event. No girls' matches were played since the Edinburg squad has not yet started training.

A return match, with the Edinburg team visiting the McAllen high school courts, is to be arranged at an early date. McAllen is also arranging matches with San Benito, Pharr and other Valley high school teams.

Pittsburgh To Have Toughest Training

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — The Pittsburgh Pirates of the National Baseball League announced Saturday night the "longest and toughest" spring training schedule in the club's history.

Playing in five states and 15 cities, the Pirates will run through a 37-game training schedule between March 7 and April 15, when they open the National League's 1941 season.

Exhibition games scheduled, include: April 5 and 6, Athletics at El Paso, Tex.; 7, Athletics at Albuquerque, N. M.; 8, Athletics at Clovis, N. M.; 9 and 10, Athletics at Oklahoma City, Okla.

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Nelson Has Three Shot Miami Lead

PGA Champ Is Nine Below Par

By LARRY ROLLINS

MIAMI SPRINGS, Fla.—(AP)—Lord Byron Nelson, smooth-stroking PGA champion, took a commanding three-shot lead in the $10,000 Miami Open golf tournament Saturday with a 67, his third consecutive sub-par round, for a 54-hole total of 201.

One by one, most of the other golfers dropped back, while Nelson rhythmically fashioned his three-under-par score, tacking it onto previous rounds of 69 and 65. That made Nelson, National Open Champion last year, nine below par for the distance.

Heafner Has 69

Clayton Heafner of Linville, N. C., who finished his second round early Saturday for a 67, managed to clip another stroke off par with a third round 69. Only a short way behind Nelson starting the third round, Heafner had a 54-hole 204.

Ben Hogan of White Plains, N. Y., dropped back with a par 70 for a 206 total.

Hogan-Snead Even

Hogan, battling to clinch the year's money-winning title and the Vardon Trophy in this final tournament, found himself all-square at the three-quarter mark with his arch-rival, Sam Snead, from Hot Springs, Va.

Snead finished with a 67 that showed seven birdies and four bogeys to close in on Hogan.

Other scores included:

Mike Turnesa, Fairview, N. Y., 139-68—207

Harold McSpaden, Winchester, Mass., 139-69—208

Willie Goggin, Miami, 140-69—209

Ben Loving, Springfield, Mass., 137-72—209

Ky Laffoon, Miami, Okla., 143-70—213

Jimmy Demaret, Houston, 142-72—214.

Golden Gloves To Be Staged In Feb.

FORT WORTH—(AP)—Machinery has been set in operation for the fifth annual Texas Golden Gloves tournaments.

Officials of the Star-Telegram, sponsors of the program, announced Saturday five new district centers had been granted, to Big Spring, Olney, Corsicana, Temple and Odessa.

District tournaments in 20 cities will send champions in eight weight divisions to Fort Worth for the state tournament February 15-16-17-19.

Any boy, over 16 years of age who has never fought for money, is eligible to compete.

The Star-Telegram turns all Golden Gloves profits over to charities.

Other district tournaments will be held at Houston, Amarillo, Lubbock, Dallas, Tyler, Brownwood, Abilene, San Antonio, Follett, Austin, Childress, Wichita Falls, Fort Worth, Stephenville, and Beaumont.

Clarkson Makes Rice All-Opponent Eleven

HOUSTON —(AP)— Four players from Texas A. & M. and Stuart Clarkson, Little All-American center from Texas A. & I., were named on the all-opponent team selected by the Rice Owls.

The backfield consists of Kimbrough and Thomason of A. & M., Gillespie of Texas Christian and Wilson of Baylor. Linemen are Russel, Baylor, and Henderson, A. & M., ends; Bynum Arkansas, and Pannell, A. & M., tackles; Sington, Arkansas, and Sherrod, T. C. U., guards, and Clarkson, center.

Russell and Kimbrough were unanimous choices.

Canadians are looking forward to the exportation of Christmas trees to the United States this year because it will help establish foreign exchange for the purchase of war supplies.

Joe Louis Signs For March Fight

KANSAS CITY—(AP)—Gabe Kaufman, promoter, said Saturday he Tex; 6, Pittsburgh at El Paso; 7, heavyweight boxing championship here sometime in March.

An elimination series to select Louis' challenger will start the first week in January, Kaufman said.

The promoter listed as eligible midwest heavyweights Paul Hartnekn, Kenocha, Wis.; Tony Novak, Kansas City; Carl Vinciquerra, Omaha; Neville Beach, Memphis; Dan Dowling, St. Louis; Bob Skies, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Tony Musto, Chicago.

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Aggie-Fordham Press Agents Play To Draw In Hotel Room

By FELIX R. McKNIGHT

DALLAS—(AP)— Sorry, folks, but the Cotton Bowl game was played Saturday.

And it's just as well that you missed it.

It was a rainy, murky day and the final score must mave been Fordham 73, Texas Aggies 73. It may have been more, but it's certain it wasn't a point less, on either side.

Cold rain, forerunner of a predicted snow, drove the players inside. The whole thing went off in a snug hotel room. Two armchair quarterbacks went 60 minutes —at least — and every score came through the air.

For the Fordhams there was a brilliant triple-threater named Tom Deegan, a rather obscure lad over the regular season, who pulled adjective after adjective out of his brief case and hurled them with incredible accuracy. He hit a sports writer with every toss.

Bald, bespectacled Byron Winstead, obviously inspired for the game, carried the Aggie torch and matched Fordham's whirlwind aerial show with a verb barrage that roused one scribe out of an arm chair and dropped him on a bed.

There were no injuries. Winstead just missed a slight case of indigestion by attempting to down a sweet roll and graphically describe Jarrin' Jawn Kimbrough's power drives on the same play. But he got both downs—the sweet roll and Kimbrough's first down.

Publicity men for college football teams never seem to get hurt. And they play the game hard. Just listen to the play-byplay:

Fordham's Deegan: "Our boys are very high on this Texas Aggie game down here in the Cotton Bowl. Why? They want to show the country they can lick the Aggies, rated one of the best teams for the past two years."

The Aggies' Winstead: "Imagine that—lick the Aggies! Why—"

Deegan: "Wait until you see Steve Filipowicz, our sophomore back. Great passer, runner and all-around ball player. Of course, there's Len Eshmont, one of the best running backs in the country, and Jim Blumenstock and Jimmy Noble—"

Winstead: "No doubt they're nice fellows, but our backfield will be solid again with Quarterback Marion Pugh in shape again. We'll try stumbling along with John Kimbrough, Jim Thomason, Bill Conatser and Pugh—"

Downstairs in the Cotton Bowl headquarters a relatively unimportant announcement was made. Ticket reservations had crept near the 40,000 mark— three weeks before the game, the one to be played outdoors. The stadium capacity is 46,000.

'Soup Bowl' Tilt Monday

Postponement Forced By Weather

BROWNSVILLE— Stymied by a downpour Friday night, Brownsville Lions and Kiwanis clubs will play their football classic, the "Soup Bowl" game, Monday at 8 p. m. on Tucker Field here.

Heavy rain forced postponement of the tilt which was billed as a Friday the 13th "lucky number" contest.

Bob Jackson will lead the defending champion Lions Monday night, and Robin Pate will quarterback the Kiwis.

The Lions won the only other grid tilt between the two squads in 1937 on a last minute pass by County Attorney Jack Wiech for a 6-0 decision.

Congressman Milton West will conduct a patriotic rally during halftime Monday night.

Proceeds of the game will be donated to the Brownsville Band Boosters Association band fund. The Brownsville high school band will play a concert during the contest.

13 Cards Letter

Only Three Return For 1941 Play

HARLINGEN — Letters were awarded to 13 members of the Harlingen Cardinals, Valley Class AA champions, Friday night, when the Cards were guests at annual football banquet staged by Pep Squad members.

The letters went to Jack McMahan, Ned Davis, Mike Jurosek, Russell Rose, John Queen, Charles Amidon, Duke Rose, Maurice Waitman, Frank Witherspoon, Billy Joe Livingston, Ray Baker, Jimmy Grant, and John Hubert Weed. Only Amidon, Baker and Grant will return for another season of play.

The lettermen and the rest of the squad all received gold footballs, each bearing the raised letter "H" and raised "Champions." Squadmen receiving these awards were: Carl Lamneck, Robin Burdette, Bill Gilday, George Herren, Earl Pomerenk, Glenn Smith, Darrell Manley, John Milton Morris, Wilbur Altus, Billy Cole, Frank Corso, James Cary, Billy Younkin and Tony Baczewski. Of this group of 14 squadmen, 10 will return, only Burdette, Pomerenk, Cary and Baczewski finishing.

Other awards given Friday night to Billy Joe Livingston, named best blocker by his teammates, and Mike Jurosek, whom his mates said displayed the best attitude. Ned Davis and Duke Rose were named co-captains by the squad in post season election.

Yankees Still Lead In Homerun Hitting

CHICAGO—(AP)—One of the surprises of the 1940 sports season was the failure of the New York Yankees to retain their American League championship, but the power of their bats is reflected in the official circuit averages of league records broken and tied during the last campaign.

The Yanks stretched their total of years in leading in home runs to 21 for a new major league mark and also made it 19 years in which they have made 100 or more homers a season—16 of them consecutive.

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Amarillo Is 27-0 Winner Over El Paso

Score 21 Points In First Quarter

AMARILLO—(AP)—Playing on a field thinly coated with snow, the Golden Sandstorm of Amarillo mixed passing with a crushing running attack to defeat the El Paso High Tigers 27-0 here Saturday in the state schoolboy football quarterfinals.

17-Degree Weather

Only 1,200 fans braved 17-degree weather to see the Sandies march through the Tiger defense and successfully defend their icy goal line against a constantly threatening passing attack.

Harold Harlow, reserve fullback, raced 19 yards around left end for the first touchdown in the opening period. Baker added the extra point.

Recovering a kickoff fumbled on the El Paso 35, the Sandies quickly scored six more points when Scud Redu, end, took a pass from Harlow on the 16 and raced over. Baker again kicked the point.

21 Points In First Period

A 48-yard drive paid off again just before the first quarter ended when Harlow passed to Dub Wooten for 23 yards. Baker made his third conversion.

In the fourth period M. T. Johnson, in the game for the first time, went 21 yards for the final touchdown. Baker missed the point.

Starting lineups:

El Paso	Pos.	Amarillo
Allen	LE	Redus
Wadlington	LT	Priola
Marmalejo	LG	Page
M. Palafox	C	Burden
Abraham	RG	Collins
Calderson	RT	Wall
Cherno	RE	Wooten
Squires	QB	Martin
Frazier	LH	Harlow
Minas	RH	Baker
Browne	FB	Clark

Amarillo scoring: Touchdowns, Harlow, Redus, Wooten, Johnson; points from try after touchdown, Baker 3 (placements).

McAllen Grid Teams Honored Wednesday

McALLEN—The Bulldog Boosters Club will stage a banquet for the McAllen junior and senior high school football teams Wednesday night, December 18, instead of December 19 as originally announced, T. W. Kelly of the Boosters said Saturday.

The dinner will be held at the junior high school cafeteria.

The football players and their coaches will be guests of grid fans, who will pay $1 each for two plates, one for himself and the other for a player.

Not a single case of active tuberculosis was discovered this year by physicians who examined 4,000 new students at the University of Michigan. On the basis of past records they had expected to find about 15.

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School Semi - Final Grid Games Set

By The Associated Press

Both semi-final games of the Texas schoolboy football race will be played on Saturday and at opposite ends of the state.

Masonic Home will meet Amarillo at Amarillo and Temple plays Corpus Christi at Corpus Christi.

The Mason-Amarillo site was determined by flip of a coin as the two teams had not met in the last six years.

Temple had to go to Corpus Christi because the teams last played at Temple (1938), and the contest was in less than six years.

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Corpus Christi Beats Houston Team 6-0 To Enter Semi-Finals

Bucs First To Score On Jeff Davis

Face Temple At Port City Saturday

By WILLIAM T. RIVES

HOUSTON —(AP)— The only team to score a touchdown against Jeff Davis High this season bounced the Panthers right out of the schoolboy football race here Saturday.

Corpus Christi's potent ground game brought it a 6-0 victory over Jeff Davis in the state quarter finals, giving the Buccaneers the right to meet Temple in the semifinals at Corpus Christi next week. Corpus and Temple will meet at Corpus Christi Saturday.

Bucs Superior

The margin of the Buccanners was slim but their superiority was great. They rolled up 106 yeards on the ground while Jeff Davis struggled for 30.

The touchdown came in the second period at the end of a 66-yard drive, which began late in the opening quarter.

Jack Creager and Joe Clark, sledge hammer backs, plowed all the way except for one 23 yard pass from Creager to another back, Drexel White.

Creager Scores

The touchdown was scored from the four yard line on first down, with Creager breezing around left end behind perfect blocking. Ed Kelley, Davis great left end, blocked tackle Joe Mitchell's try for point.

Fumbles proved costly to Davis, Corpus recovering three.

Twice the bobbles came down around the 25 yard line, which was as close as Davis got to Corpus Christi's goal line.

Starting lineup:

Jeff Davis	Pos.	Corpus Christi
Kelley	LE	Bacak
Wyman	LT	Haman
Perry	LG	Brown
Rasmussen	C	Kavoras
Hill	RG	Isenberger
Key	RT	Mitchell
Lobenstein	RE	Sturdivant
Bloxom	QB	Clark
Lobue	LH	Creager
Black	RH	Fowler
Levey	FB	Dowdy

Scoring: Corpus Christi—touchdown, Creager.

Five Lettermen For PSJA Cagers

PHARR — With five lettermen back from last year's cage team, Coach Brick Decker opened basketball practice this week with daily workouts on the outdoor portable hardwood court.

Lettermen back are Eddie Wright, Kenneth Risinger, Billy York, Wallace Bell and Muriel Coley. Bell is recuperating from an appendectomy while Coley is recovering from a broken leg sustained in the football season and neither will be able to work out for two or more weeks.

The Bears are in the Rio League and are bracketed with Mission, La Joya, McAllen, Donna, Weslaco and Edcouch-Elsa. They will play 12 games or a double round robin and the three top teams of the league will go to the district for the play offs.

Others out for the team are: Donnie Earl Clark, Harvey Risinger, Max Burkhart, Paul Pritchard, Mickey Allen, Joe Tanner, Alfred Sorensen, John Roy Rieboldt, Don Slate, Clinton Scott, Paul Addison Flowers and Russell Dunning.

Louisiana Normal Beats Sooner Team

NATCHITOCHES, La.—(AP)— The Louisiana Normal College Demons defeated Southeastern State of Durant, Okla., 25-21 Saturday night to even their two-game basketball series. The Oklahomans won Friday night 40-28.

Southeastern held a 15-12 lead at the half. Frizzell of Southeastern was high scorer with 10 points.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Indiana 53; Marshall 22
Penn State 35; Colgate 21
Kansas State 54; Doane College 27
Minnesota 32; Idaho 26
Marquette 20; Nebraska 5
Wisconsin 44; Notre Dame 43
Southern Louisiana Institute 36; Springfield Teachers 33
Arkansas Tech 31; Sapulpa (Okla) Junior College 28
Arkansas 46; Drury College (Springfield, Mo.) 20
Cornell 57; Lafayette 21
Butler 51; Ohio State 49
Case 50; Carnegie Tech 46
Michigan 36; Michigan Normal 16
Long Island U. 43; Oregon 31
Chicago 27; Illinois Tech 22
St. Olaf 35; South Dakota State 33
Pittsburg (Kan) Teachers 34; Tulsa 39
Okla. Northwestern Okla. State 47; Panhandle (Goodwell, Okla) Aggies 33
East Texas State Teachers 40, Dallas Railway 37
Texas 52; Southwest Texas Teacher 36
SMU 52; North Texas Teachers 50
Oklahoma A. and M. 32; City College (NY) 24
Dartmouth 44; Fordham 40
Yale 74; Trinity 40
Iowa State 31; Bradley 28
Warrenburg, Mo. Teachers 45; Wichita U. 38
U. of Missouri 34; St. Louis U. 31
New Mexico Mines 34; New Mexico Aggies 29
Arizona State Teachers College at Flaggstaff 27; Arizona State Teachers College at Tempe 23
West Texas 52; Morningside 41
New Mexico State 28; San Diego State 39
Washburn 35; Emporia State 24

Canada's death rate is lower than the United States'.

Christman Wants $10,000



And who doesn't? Paul Christman, University of Missouri passing star, says he's more interested in Miss Inez Potter, his fiancee, with whom he is shown looking over house plans, than he is in playing pro football. It'll take $10,000 says Paul, to get him to play with the Chicago Cardinals, who drafted him.

New York's Yankees Chosen Year's Top Disappointment

NEW YORK —(AP)— The tumble of the mighty Yankees into their place in the American League race after they had been made odds on favorites in the winter book has been voted the outstanding disappointment of 1940 by the nation's sports editors.

Of 72 writers who participated in the Associated Press poll, 40 put the finger on the world champions who flopped from the start and only by a sensational late season drive escaped from the second division.

Runner-up for this dubious distinction was the Notre Dame football team, which started the past season with a marvelous display of fireworks and then sputtered out.

The Yankees, with their 40 first place votes and a smattering of seconds and thirds, polled a total of 125 points. Notre Dame, chosen the champion flop by eight editors, had 36 points, only one more than was given the Chio State Buckeyes, who were regarded as Big Nine championship timber when the football season opened and before losing their shirts.

The Cleveland Indians grabbed fourth honors, partly because they let a handsome lead over the American League slip away from them in the closing weeks and partly because the electorate thought they were disappointing personally in their spat with Manager Oscar Vitt.

The Cornell gridders came next with 12 points, while Johnny Paychek, the Des Moines heavyweight, scored 11 points for getting knocked out by Joe Louis in the second round.

Cotton Bowl Setup Okeh

Conference Dads To Leave It Alone

DALLAS—(AP)—Faculty representatives of the Southwest Conference Saturday passed over formal discussions on the Cotton Bowl classic with a statement "the setup will continue as established."

President Henry Trantham of Baylor University said faculty committee members were pleased with the present operation. No action was taken on the subject of pledging the conference champion to the game.

Two of the seven members, Texas and Texas A. and M., were opposed to the move the past season.

Dr. Trantham said the matter of certifying freshmen athletics for varsity competition in the event a national emergency caught many college boys in the army draft, was not formally discussed. He said the matter would be taken up if, and when, conditions warranted action, but minimized such a possibility.

Golf, tennis and track meets will be held at Austin next spring on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the second week in May. The cross country meet was awarded to Southern Methodist and fencing to Baylor.

James H. Stewart of Southern Methodist was elected president of the Southwest Conference Coaches Business Managers and Athletic Director's Association, replacing Gaylor Johnson, retiring Rice business manager.

Texas Conference Sets Rigid Rules

DALLAS—(AP)—Rigid rules concerning eligibility of Texas Conference athletes were promulgated by conference representatives here Saturday.

Dr. J. C. Goddey, secretary, said teams would be restricted to a 30-man limit and that any school failing to meet all eligibility requirements would forfeit games in which violations were detected.

Names of all eligible players must be submitted before Sept. 25 to the secretary on eligibility blanks. Any players not reported by then will be ineligible for play during the season.

Dr. Goddey said it was generally agreed expenses of the league had to be pared, although there was no talk of abandonment of any program.

Conference track and field, golf and tennis dates were set for the second week in May, at Brownwood.

Tennis Entries Deadline Dec. 21

AUSTIN—(AP)—Entries for the boys and juniors indoor United States singles and doubles championship tennis tournament must be filed by Dec. 21, D. A. Penick, president of the Texas Tennis Association, announced Saturday.

Dr. Penick, University of Texas tennis coach, said registration numbers and entry fees of $2 for singles and $3 per team for doubles should be addressed to H. Charles Rawlins, 216 Fuller Building, 10 South 18th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Doubles entries have until Dec. 27 to file.

The association president added the tournament, to be held in Camden, N. J., will start Dec. 26 and will be open to boys not yet 15 years old and juniors not yet 18 on last Jan., 1.

Of college graduates in the United States, 58 per cent of the men and 61 per cent of the women never have been out of jobs

Ponies To Play Fordham In 1941

DALLAS—(AP)—Southern Methodist University's 1941 football schedule was completed Saturday with the Arkansas game set for Fayetteville.

The schedule includes a gome with the Fordham University Rams, who play the Texas Aggies in the Cotton Bowl game here New Year's Day. SMU and Fordham are even n their series, each with a victoory.

The schedule:

Sept. 27—North Texas State at Dallas.
Oct. 4—Fordham in New York City.
Oct. 11—College of the Pacific at Tyler.
Oct. 18—Alabama Poly (Auburn) at Birmingham, Ala.
Nov. 1—University of Texas at Dallas.
Nov. 8—Texas A. and M. at College Station.
Nov. 15—University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Ark.
Nov. 22—Baylor University at Dallas.
Nov. 29—Texas Christian University at Fort Worth.
Dec. 6—Rice Institute at Dallas.

14 Eagles Will Receive Letters

MISSION—Fourteen members of the district champions Mission Eagles football team will receive sweaters and letters while the remaining 10 squad men will receive awards.

Four of the lettermen are seniors, including Donald Bentsen, J. T. Garrie, Louis Moore, and Cuco Garza. Others are Darroll Martin, Jimmy Mehis, Donald Albrecht, Carroll Martin, Lupe Motes, Tommy Landry, A. B. Ward, Arnaldo Vera, Chico Castillo, and Audencio Munguia.

Awards will be presented to Sam Hileman, O. V. Bridges, Jr., Ovideo Guzman, Chano Guerra, Manuel Guerra, Oscar Saenz, Oscar Ramirez, Zelmo Hinojosa, George Rigler, Inez Pinon, and Roy Baker.

Sweaters and awards have been ordered and will be presented in a high school assembly as soon as the shipment arrives.

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Six Members Of Texas A.&I. Squad On Little All-America

KINGSVILLE—When the Associated Press completed selection of the Little All-American football players for 1940, Texas A. & I. College was just short of a complete lineup of all-Americans. No less than six (count 'em s-i-x) Javelinas, members of the squad which sports writers at first called "most ambitious team in America," then "America's toughest little college eleven" were mentioned in the AP list released this week.

Big Stuart Clarkson, probably the Southwest's most spectacular lineman in all classifications, was named first string center, of course. Clarkson had stolen practically every show he had been in all season, even shoving "Jarrin' Jawn" Kimbrough over for a share of the spotlight, and being named by the Texas Aggies as first string center on their all-oponents eleven. He had drawn praise from San Jose's Coach Pop Warner, A. & M.'s Homer Norton, and Rice's Jess Neely.

Both of A. & I.'s great ends, Russell Jensen, Austin, and Warren Arnold, Liberty, received mention. Jensen was all-Texas Conference end last year on the St. Edwards squad, and Arnold was all-Alamo Conference with the 1939 Javelinas.

Morris Reese, Yoakum, another all-Alamo Conference player at guard, was mentioned on the AP selections.

Francis "Sacks" Mattingly, Beeville's Javelina piledriver, was included in the runners-up for fullback, while J. P. Hilliard, scat back from Orange, was among the backfield list. Mattingly was almost unanimous choice for all conference last year.

All of these men except Arnold are juniors at A. & I. and will have one more year of eligibility with the Javelinas.

Penetration Win Goes To Masonic 11

Play 6-6 Draw With Paris Wildcats

FORT WORTH —(AP)— Masonic Home's little rascals came from behind to tie the score 6-6 and win on penetrations over Paris in the quarter-finals of the Texas schoolboy football race here Saturday.

Paris counted a touchdown in the second period with Buryl Baty dashing 22 yards through the Masonic Home line but Dewitt Coulter blocked his try for extra point—and that meant the ball game.

Penalty Helps

Because in the fourth period, with the Masons leading on penetrations and first downs, a ruling of interference on a pass play gave Masonic Home the ball on the Paris 3-yard line from where Gordy Brown plunged over.

It was the fourth time since the school entered Class AA football in 1932 that Masonic Home reached the semi-final round.

Sunset Similar Victim

The Home footballers advanced to the quarterfinals last week by the penetrations route after playing a 7-7 tie with Dallas Sunset.

Saturday the Masons led the Wildcats in penetrations 4-1. Four times the Home's bristling attack carried inside the Wildcats' five yard line. Three times the Masons were stopped on the Paris one-foot line. And the Home, though it deserved the victory, needed a break of sorts in the form of the pass interference penalty to score.

The starting lineups:

Paris	Pos.	Masons
B. White	LE	R. Coulter
Inzer	LT	Lewis
Wooldridge	LG	Moseley
Abbett	C	Robbins
J. White	RG	Cagle
Jack	RT	D. Coulter
Jordan	RE	Roach
May	QB	Sealey
Henderson	LH	Smith
Baty	RH	Roberts
Sheffield	FB	Brown

Paris Scoring: Touchdown, Baty. Masonic Home scoring: Touchdown, Brown.

Okla. Aggies Win

Beat C. C. N. Y. Five In Garden Tilt

NEW YORK — (AP) — Invading schools broke even in the opening of Madison Square Garden's college basketball season Saturday night when the Oklahoma Aggies whipped a highly touted City College five 32 to 24 after Long Island University had turned back Oregon 43 to 31.

A crowd of 13,325, seven more than the Garden's previous high, saw the Aggies build up a 11 point lead in the first half and then surge back in the last seven minutes after City had driven within five points.

Lanky Vern Schwertfeger paced the Aggies with nine points.

Tempe Practices For Bowl Contest

TEMPE, Ariz.—(AP)—The Bulldogs of Arizona State Teachers College at Tempe donned shorts and tossed footballs around for a couple of hours Saturday to keep in condition for their New Year's Day contest with Western Reserve of Cleveland in the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Texas.

Coach Dixie Howell scheduled strenuous practice drills for next week.

Olin Mason, giant Tempe tackle who has been sidelined with a fractured ankle, returned to practice Saturday. Halfback Haschall Henshaw remained at home with a touch of influenza.

Flu Causes Indians To Delay Practices

PALO ALTO, Calif.—(AP)—Advised that 15 to 20 of his players were still suffering from after-effects of the "flu," Coach Clark Shaughnessy postponed the start of Stanford's Rose Bowl football practice until Monday.

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Santone Man Wants Rainbow Trout

AUSTIN —(AP)— Refrigerating a portion of a Texas river to bring Rainbow trout fishing to this state may be a fisherman's dream—but not to Richard H. Friedrich of San Antonio.

Friedrich, the state game department says, enjoys sport fishing like that in Colorado and would like to do it right in his own back yard, so to speak.

Refrigeration is his line and has been his life work. Rainbow trout and Brown trout can't live in water which reaches a temperature higher than 68 degrees.

So, Friedrich is toying with the idea of putting part of a running mountain stream in the Bear Creek ranch near Kerrville in a sort of an ice box, raising a school or two of trout and inviting his friends to real sport.

To that extent, the game department says, Friedrich has imported 6,000 Rainbow trout and 1,000 Lochleven or Brown trout from Colorado, a portion of which he has given the state for its Ingram hatchery.

The rest he has dumped into a dammed-off section of a stream on the ranch.

He has informed the game department that if the trout don't live through next summer, he's going to use artificial refrigeration to bring down the stream's temperature.

Tempe Teachers Win Game From Flagstaff

TEMPE, Ariz.—(AP)—A long shot in the last 20 seconds of play by Nick Johnson gave Arizona State Teachers College at Tempe a 29-27 victory over Arizona State Teachers College at Flagstaff here Saturday night.

Tempe swept the two-game Border Conference series. The score Friday night was 35-24.

Did Better First Time



Six weeks ago Steve Belloise had middleweight champion Ken Overlin on the floor in their title bout (above). But he let the experienced Overlin get away. Friday night they met again, but this time there were no knockdowns for Overlin as he gave Belloise a boxing lesson in a bout where the decision was never in doubt.

Herman Rohrig Is Nebraska Back Who Delivers In Pinch

LINCOLN, Neb.—(AP)—They dubbed Rerman Rohrig the "Rubber Man" of the Nebraska football team and like a rubber ball he's been bouncing up in the pinches for three years.

He's the little man of the Husker backfield squad, carrying 180 pounds on a five foot, nine inch frame. Like a lot of others on the squad he doesn't talk much—not even about the coming Nebraska-Stanford Rose Bowl game.

Herman started playing football in grade school and skipped away on a long touchdown run the first time he ever got his hands on the ball.

After gaining all-state fame at Lincoln high school, he entered the university in 1938 and started building a reputation as a runner. That year his sturdy legs churned up the field for a 90-yard touchdown run with a Missouri kickoff.

Last year he really went to town. He ran 80 yards with a Kansas State punt to wipe out a 3 to 0 lead that team had gained over Nebraska, and in other games played hob in general with opponents through long jaunts that meant victories for Nebraska.

The reputation he gained was such that this year Nebraska opponents kicked out of bounds whenever Herman was in the game.

Then he started passing more, winding up the season with a better than .500 average—including a three-act one man show against Missouri when, handicapped by a shoulder injury, he passed twice to get a touchdown then kicked the extra point.

He blazed again in his last home game. There were but seconds to play in the first half of the Kansas State game and the score was 0 to 0 when Harry Hopp, who shares time with Rohrig, was hurt. Rushed, Rohrig faded to pass, couldn't find a receiver and ran 25 yards for the touchdown that broke down the visitors and placed Nebraska up in front for the Rose Bowl bid.

"That one," said Rohrig, "was just for Hopp."

Bomber Faces Al M'Coy In Monday Bout

Champ Expected To Win Easily

BOSTON—(AP)— Boston and New England fistic fans are all steamed up about Monday's heavyweight title bout at Boston Garden between Champion Joe Louis and Challenger Al McCoy, but the concensus from the man in the street is that he'll have to get there early.

McCoy Confident

About the only ones who don't figure the Brown Bomber to pack his opponent away in one of the early rounds are McCoy himself and his manager, Bill Brennan, who thinks so much of his charge's chances against the champion that he has money bet on the challenger to win.

Louis wound up his boxing drills Saturday while McCoy toped his preparation with a little road work and some drilling in the gym. Both plan to take things easy Sunday and meet for the first time Monday at the weighing-in ceremonies.

Bomber Ready

The champion had no comment on Monday's bout except the brief statement:

"I'm ready."

McCoy promises to be throwing punches right from the start.

"I never felt better than I do for this one," McCoy said Saturday night. "I've got a hunch I can beat this boy and I'll be in there pitching all the way. You won't see me running any foot-race."

Denver University Defeats Hawaii U.

HONOLULU—(AP)—Denver University's football team spotted University of Hawaii to a ten-point lead in the first half and then surged ahead with a two-touchdown drive in the second half to win 19 to 16. The Hawaiians failed to score in the second half.

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Interpreting The War News

British Morale Soars

Axis Air Power Has Failed, But Expert Is Puzzled Over Reasons; Oil Scarce?

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON

Tremendous stimulation of British public morale has resulted from Greek and British victories over Italian forces in the east.

There are other factors, however, than the smashing blows struck at Italy to account for British confidence in the ultimate outcome of the war. The full fury of Hitler's boasted air power has been tested and proved ineffective to end the war quickly in a British defeat.

Prime Minister Churchill told his people six months ago, when France fell, that the crux of the war lay in Britain's power to "break Hitler's air weapon." It has not been broken; but its edge has been dulled. It has failed to crack British morale, failed to open the way for Nazi invasion of England; failed as yet to bring a real starvation specter before English eyes in the war at sea.

English skies still are dominated in daylight by Britain's fighter pilots. Only at night do the heavy blows fall which Hitler said would lay England in ruins. Within six months the German attack has been deflected from England's weakest flank, the air, to her strongest, the sea. Nazi air-submarine-surface craft assaults on England's sea life lines now holds the greatest menace to Britain.

British hopes of attaining victory years sooner than her leaders had reckoned possible six months ago are clearly indicated. The late Lord Lothian, ambassador to Washington, in his last message urging expedited American help, foresaw possibilities of smashing Germany next year or in 1942. He did not live to learn the full score of Italian disasters on two war fronts.

Double Mystery Here

There is a double mystery in this war. It involves both German and Italian air power, the prime element on which the Axis mates relied in challenging British sea power.

Italy's boasted air force signally failed her in Greece, Albania and Egypt. Just why is known only in Italy. If London knew, it might have the final answer to the war's outcome.

Germany has not only failed to crush England through the air, but also to reach the crescendo of air attack her air superiority seemed to make possible. Just why Nazi bombers have not come over England in thousands night after night instead of hundreds and why there are lapses between mass attacks is known only in Germany.

Weeks ago, Churchill told Parliament that approximately 500 planes within a 24-hour period had been the maximum German attack but might be only a fraction of what would be attained. It has not since been exceeded, even by Berlin war accounting.

Those Queer Lulls

London recently knew two full days and nights of bombing surcease in the wake of a great mass night attack. Other English cities had like experiences. They have come to expect a day or so of breathing spell after each air blow.

There is obviously some supply or transportation bottle-neck limiting full employment of both Italian and German air power. It may be gasoline, or merely the difficulties of organization and supply transportation. The German air attack on England is based along 2,000 miles of the German-held continental coastal area of Europe.

A 500-plane daily attack burns up a huge quantity of fuel. If Germany is raiding her war reserve stocks now to supply it and lack of fuel has grounded Italian planes much needed in Albania and Egypt, Britain's victory hopes are justified. If it is not lack of fuel hampering Axis air power at both ends, what is it?

WALLY QUITS HER HOSPITAL

Recovers From Her Tooth Operation



DUCHESS OF WINDSOR

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—Nearing complete recovery from her operation for removal of an infected tooth, the Duchess of Windsor and her royal husband went to a hotel tower apartment in Coral Gables Saturday for a few days' rest before returning to Nassau.

They motored from St. Francis Hospital at Miami Beach, making a two-hour sight-seeing jaunt out of the drive.

The duchess, after four days abed, appeared strong.

Before leaving the hospital, they presented autographs to members of the staff.

Windsor posed for cameramen who missed his return Friday from a flying visit to President Roosevelt aboard the cruiser Tuscaloosa He thanked the photographers for having respected his privacy.

LONE RAIDER BOMBS ISLES

Midlands Town Hit By Explosives

LONDON (Sunday)—(AP)—Several persons in a west Midlands town were killed by high explosive bombs and others were taken to a hospital after a raid by a single German plane early Saturday night, it was reported Sunday.

Rescue workers still toiled Sunday morning to free others trapped in wreckage in the town. Censorship concealed the name of the town.

The raid was one of the few German attacks on the British Isles Saturday and Saturday night.

A southwesterly gale lashing Dover Strait was believed responsible for the lack of German activity.

A number of hoouses were destroyed by a solitary plane in a working class area in a Thames estuary town but it was believed no fatalities resulted.

London had its usual night air raid alarm in the early evening but the "all clear" was sounded about an hour later.

During the day, Nazi planes were reported over Liverpool and Northeast England.

Official Can't Get His Street Repaved

NEW BRIGHTON, Pa.—(AP)—Being a councilman hasn't helped Frank Harding get repairs for a street adjoining his property. He warned the council that unless action was forthcoming he'd move his home and business out of the borough.

ELEANOR FINDS ST. NICK SAYS SHE GOOD GIRL

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt found out Saturday night that Santa Claus thinks she has been a good girl this year.

To the amusement of several hundred guests at the White House "Gridiron Widows" party, Santy handed the first lady a halo, a pair of wings and a roll of paper on which to list requests she gets for gifts.

It was the first holiday festivity at the executive mansion—and it was a "hen" party.

As has been her custom, Mrs. Roosevelt was hostess to wives of Washington correspondents who are members of the Gridiron Club—the men were having their semi-annual "stag" stunt party at a nearby hotel—wives of cabinet members, other feminine celebrities and the Washington "ladies of the press."

Formosa, in proportion to its size, is the richest of Japan's colonies.

BULLET PLANT CONTRACT LET

To Make Ammunition For Small Arms

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The War Department awarded contracts totalling $105,887,790 Saturday for small arms ammunition and for a new plant at St. Louis to produce the ammunition.

Officials said the awards represented the largest single ordinance manufacturing project of the current rearmament program.

The plant will be built on a 134-acre site and employ from 10,000 to 12,000 persons when it starts production, nearly a year hence.

The Western Cartridge Company, East Alton, Ill., was given a $18,600,000 contract to supervise the layout, engineering and construction of the plant and to procure equipment and supervise its installation.

The United States Cartridge Company, Baltimore, Md., received an $87,279,790 award for an initial order of ammunition.

Changing Coaches

Colorado U. Is After Mentor Again

BOULDER, Colo.—(AP)—For the second time in less than one year, Colorado University is in the market for a new football coach.

Only last March bald-headed Bernard (Bunny) Oakes stepped down with a $6,500 cash settlement after most of his players signed a petition for his dismissal, and Frank Potts, Colorado track coach, was given the football job a month later under a one year contract.

Potts has notified University heads that he "prefers" to resume his former status as track mentor and assistant in football although President Robert L. Stearns emphasized the ex-Oklahoma halfback and pole vaulter could have retained the grid post.

Potts will continue to head the football staff until a successor is named, probably by April 1 in time to take hold of spring practice. Harry Carlson, director of athletics, was requested to "investigate qualifications of men available for the head football coaching position." No candidates were mentioned.

Colorado had on hand this season virtually all of the players who captured the 1939 Big Seven Conference title, but won only five and tied one of its nine games. The Buffaloes tied with Denver for second place in the conference.

Alamo Loop Cage Schedule Is Set

DALLAS — (AP) — The basketball schedule of the Alamo Conference, adopted at the winter meeting of the intercollegiate athletic group here Saturday, will open on February 3 and end on February 25.

The schedule:

Feb. 3-4—St. Mary's University vs. West Texas State Coollege at San Antonio.

Feb. 6-7—Texas College of Arts and Industries vs. West Texas State at Kingsville.

Feb. 14-15—St. Mary's vs. Texas A. and I. at Kingsville.

Feb. 17-18—St. Mary's vs. Texas A. and I. at San Antonio.

Feb. 21-22—Texas A. and I. vs. West Texas State at Canyon.

Feb. 24-25—St. Mary's vs. West Texas State at Canyon.

Mutual To Broadcast Cotton Bowl Classic

DALLAS—(AP)—The Cotton Bowl football classic, scheduled for New Year's Day between Texas A. & M. and Fordham, will be heard on the coast to coast network of the Mutual Broadcasting System, Dan D. Rogers, president of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association said.

White Sox And Cubs In Exhibition Tilts

CHICAGO —(AP)— The Chicago Cubs and White Sox announced their spring exhibition baseball schedules Saturday including April 7—Cubs vs. White Sox at El Paso; 8—Cubs vs. White Sox at Lubbock, Tex.; 9—Cubs vs. White Sox at Amarillo, Tex.

SAN JUAN GUESTS

SAN JUAN—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McNaille of Sarcoxie, Missouri, were guests Tuesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Everhard.

Fire Guts Hoboken Condenser Factory

HOBOKEN, N. J. —(AP)—Fire of undetermined origin Saturday wrecked the plant of the Condenser Service and Engineering Corporation plant, which has received U. S. army contracts for about $20,000 in condensers and steel mooring buoys.

A night watchman, George Henry Jacobs, was burned to death.

Nebraska Huskers Practice In Snow

LINCOLN, Neb.—(AP)—Coach Major Lawrence M. Jones got tired Saturday waiting for the weather to clear and trotted his Nebraska football squad, opponents of Stanford in the Rose Bowl, out into a light snowfall for a workout.

Legion Forms Anti-Espionage Body To Work With FBI, Protect Industry

NEW YORK— (AP) —An army of American Legionnaires, acting as anti-espionage agents in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of investigation to protect America's vital defense industries and utilities, is rapidly being formed, State Commander Edward A. Vosseler disclosed Saturday.

3 Months Old

Organization was started three months ago in New York state, Vosseler said, and already has resulted in discovery of several plots and the subsequent blocking of them.

Eventually the corps, throughout the country, may include 50,000 factories, shipyards, munitions industries, power, water and communications, utilities and railroads.

More than 2,000 legion men already are functioning in the set-up in New York state. This number will ultimately grow to some 10,000 men, from 917 posts, Vosseler said.

He added that while the plan was designed primary to prevent sabotage, it also would aid the FBI investigators after commission of such acts.

Most of the men are those of German, Italian or Russian extraction who served in American military forces during the World War.

Work Is Secret

No legionnaire knows the identity of a fellow legion member engaged in espionage work.

In line with the program, Vosseler said each American Legion post was acting as a clearing house for the FBI on information from individuals regarding sabotage.

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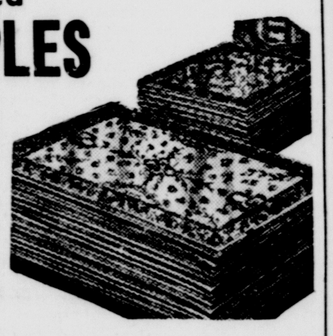
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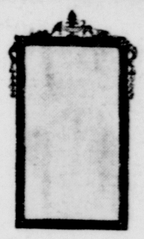
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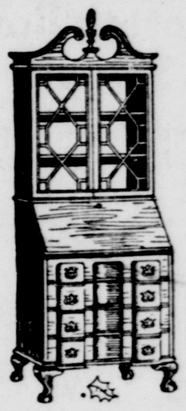
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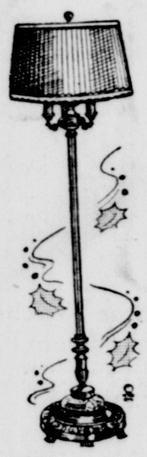
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Misses Jaqueline and Martha Murphy, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Murphy of Edinburg, are among the popular Edinburg Junior College students. The Misses Murphy are members of the Journalism Club and Campus Players at the college and take an active interest in all campus activities. (Kerr Studio.)

Miss Carolyn Cramer's engagement to Robert Kern, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kern of Mercedes, was announced recently by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin LeRoy Cramer of Engelman Gardens. The wedding will be an event of January. (Kerr Studio.)

Bridal Theme Stressed In Large Saturday Tea Honoring Miss Chandler

HARLINGEN — Guests from all over the Valley shared in the large tea of Saturday afternoon given by Mrs. Foster Tebbe at the Reese-Wil-Mond Hotel to honor Miss Lucille Chandler of Weslaco. Miss Chandler's marriage to Jack Tebbe of Craig, Colo., son of the hostess, is to take place during the Christmas holidays.

Recognition was given to the beginning of the holiday season by arrangements of exquisite poinsettias which lent a festive air to the party rooms.

Greeting the guests with the hostess and honoree were Mrs. M. H. Chandler, Weslaco, mother of the honoree, Mrs. J. H. Rohrbach of St. Louis, Mo., mother of Mrs. Tebbe.

The honoree was especially pretty, her black net frock complementing her fair coloring. Upper portion of the bodice was embroidered in gold and the underslip was encrusted about the hemline with clusters of red flowers, their color being repeated in the arrangement of deep red roses and rosebuds which Miss Chandler wore in her hair.

Mrs. Tebbe wore a corsage of red gladiolas and sweetpeas with her gown of black velvet. Mrs. Chandler's frock was in shell pink and black and her corsage formed of sweetpeas in pink shades. Mrs. Rohrbach's gown combined ashes of roses and blue and her flowers were light blue gladiolas and tuberoses.

Corsages matching their costumes were worn by the other members of the party which included Mesdames Frank Grimsell, A. C. Pate, F. N. Smith, J. M. Green, J. J. Willingham, Morton Bledsoe, Ralph Langley, and S. M. Harvey, and Mrs. Robert Fenwick of Edinburg.

The tea table was strikingly beautiful and was done in bridal white with touches of silver. White chrysanthemums, gladiolas, and tuberoses, combining a perfection of artistry and blossoms, were in a center arrangement elongated in effect. Frothy white maline and silver tricotine accented the bridal theme.

Elaborate ornamentation of the cake lent further emphasis to the silver and white decor and other tea appointments were in bridal design.

During the hours of receiving, from three to five o'clock, a pleasant medley of romantic and classical music was played by Mrs. E. Douglas Carver and Mrs. Verda Wheeler. Guests included about 135 and were from Brownsville to Edinburg.

Marriage of the widely known couple will climax a romance that had its beginning when both were students at Baylor University. Mr. Tebbs received his degree from Baylor and is now employed as geologist, in charge of the laboratory for the Utah Gilsonite Company, at Craig, Colo. Miss Chandler is being honored by an attractive series of prenuptial affairs.

Evening Program Is On P.-T.A. Schedule

McALLEN—The evening entertainment scheduled for the McAllen Junior High School Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday night will be highlighted by a "cup and saucer shower."

All members who attend are asked to have a cup or a saucer to donate to the P.-T.A. pantry the group is accumulating.

Rev. W. W. Stewart, pastor of the Trinity Episcopal Church at Pharr, will be the principal speaker. In keeping with the holiday season the topic of his speech will be "Peace."

Prior to the meeting, to get under way at 7 p.m., coffee and cookies will be served in the hall.

A division in the program has been arranged for the benefit of Spanish-speaking members of the association, members said. A separate program in Spanish has been planned for that group by Mrs. Harry Fetterman, program chairman.

To Join Wife

BROWNSVILLE—E. C. Sams of New Rochelle, New York, will join his wife, Mrs. Sams, here next Wednesday. Mrs. Sams arrived earlier from New York, and is the guest of her daughters, Mrs. Dean Porter, Mr. Porter, Mrs. Larry Lightner, and Mr. Lightner. The New Yorkers will remain here until after the holidays.

Miss Ella Beth Melton, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley T. Melton of Pharr, and who is a first year student at Arts & Industrial College in Kingsville, will spend the Yuletide with her parents. Miss Melton, who graduated from Pharr-San Juan-Alamo high school last spring, was a favorite among her classmates. She served as pianist for the Pharr Kiwanis Club for two years. (Kerr Studio.)

Girls Friendly Sets Tea, Program For Friday

BROWNSVILLE—Mothers of members, and members of the Woman's auxiliary of the Church of the Advent (Episcopal) will be entertained at tea and a program Friday afternoon when the Girls Friendly will be hostesses.

The president, Juanita Fernandez, announces that the affair will be held at 4 o'clock. There will be a play, The Christmas Pudding, presented.

HOSPITAL HEAL ILL

PHARR — Mrs. Jno. Decker, superintendent of the McAllen city hospital, is confined to the hospital with an attack of influenza.

Alamo Pair Honored On 21st Anniversary

ALAMO—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Drennan were surprised on their twenty-first wedding anniversary on Wednesday evening by the following group of friends: Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Swallow, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Benetti, Mr. and Mrs. Dales Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Vinsant, Mr. and Mrs. Tut Caddel and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McMorries.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sharp were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lowe of Mt. Auburn, Illinois. They are spending the winter at McAllen

Mrs. Jack Carey Jones of Guatemala City, shown in the charming camera study above, is the former Miss Marcille Strein of Brownsville, daughter of Mrs. Crystal Butz Strein, and granddaughter of Joe Butz, both of Brownsville. Her marriage Thursday to Mr. Jones, son of Mrs. Margaret Carey Jones, of New York and Brownsville, was a quiet and impressive home affair. Immediately after, Mr. and Mrs. Jones departed for Guatemala City by plane to make their home. (A. Rogers Photo.)

Dates Set For Four Yule Parties In Brownsville; Holidays Will Be Gay

BROWNSVILLE—With at least four party dates spoken for ten days before Christmas, it would appear that Brownsville will hold to the tradition of a gay Yuletide filled with small and large parties. So far, the time-worn phrase of something doing "morning, noon and night" can be applied almost literally.

The advent of a number of holiday visitors will do much to brighten the social calendar, and one can be sure there will be given a round of small and informal parties for these, aside from the large affairs.

While many are planning trips away for Christmas or New Year's, a number are "stay-at-homes" by custom.

First of the parties thus far will be the afternoon tea by Mrs. R. B. Creager and Mrs. Joe Celaya at the Creager home December 27. The affair will be held between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock. The pair will compliment three out of town guests, Mrs. Creager's daughter, Mrs. Carlisle Williams of Evansville, Indiana, who arrives December 18; Mrs. Pedro Chapa, of Mexico City, who arrives Tuesday; and Mrs. E. K. Goodrich, Jr., also of Mexico City, who has been visiting here for the past ten days.

The following morning, Saturday, December 28, Mrs. Edward McChesney will be hostess at a coffee at the home of Mrs. Russell McChesney. Guests are being invited for the hours between 10 and 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Porter have chosen Sunday afternoon, December 29, for their open house. The hours of the hospitality are those between 3 and 6 o'clock. Cards are being issued to about 225 guests.

Tuesday, December 31, New Year's Eve, the Junior Service League will entertain with its breakfast dance at El Jardin. Society will dance for the sake of the Well Baby clinic, the League's project this year. This will be a gay affair, one of the high points of the season, and will be the reason for a number of parties to be given before the dance. The League has engaged Baron Dakin and his orchestra of Corpus Christi, and members are promising an entertaining evening.

New Year's Day, Mr. and Mrs. Drew Patteson will hold open house between 10 o'clock in the morning and 1 in the afternoon. This event is a traditional one with the Pattesons, and many will attend.

There are rumors of other parties, but decisions as to the dates and types of parties are being left till later.

To Monterrey

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. B. G. Eubanks departed Friday for Monterrey where she will spend a week.

Miss Margaret Hogan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hogan of Pharr, will become the bride of Morris W. Jones of Weslaco in rites to be solemnized January 24. Mr. Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Jones of Kenedy. (Seaton Photo.)

Margaret Hogan To Wed Morris W. Jones In Rites Set For January 24th

PHARR—Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hogan of Pharr announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Margaret, to Morris W. Jones, Weslaco, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Jones of Kenedy.

The ceremony will be performed at the home of the bride on January 24.

Miss Hogan has lived with her family in Pharr for 20 years. She attended the University of Texas where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Mr. Jones attended A. and M. College and is now employed as a special agent in the investigation division of the United States Department of Agriculture.

West Brownsville PTA Slates Yule Meeting Thursday

BROWNSVILLE — The West Brownsville Parent-Teacher association will hold its Christmas meeting Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A Christmas program will be given by the Latin-American students for their parents who will be brought to the school in cars furnished by the PTA.

On the following day, Friday, a Christmas party will be given by the PTA for all the students at the school.

To Sing Carols

MISSION — Three winter activities were planned by Mission Girl Reserves when they met this week for their supper program at the Presbyterian Annex.

Members planned to carry on their traditional Christmas caroling on Christmas Eve when they will go over the city singing.

Bridge Club Entertained At Party

D. B. Briggs Hosts To Friday Unit

BROWNSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Briggs were hosts Thursday evening when they entertained members of the Friday afternoon bridge club and their husbands at a Christmas party.

A blue and white theme prevailed throughout in decorations for the affair. A blue Christmas tree, decorated in white and silver, was one of the features of the decorative motif, while about the home were arranged artistic bouquets of white roses and white stock.

Four tables of players gathered for the games in which Mrs. Ellis Perry and Fred Knapp were high. There were other small awards also for slams and for a bingo prize. Prizes were attractively wrapped in the blue and silver theme.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Otto A. Manske, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Barron, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Roberts, and Mr. and Mrs. Nat B. Hatcher.

Calendar

BROWNSVILLE

SUNDAY

Christmas party by the BPW at Landrum's between 5 and 7 p.m.

MONDAY

Beta Sigma Phi with Miss Inez Brulay at 8 p.m.

Semper Fidelis Christmas party at the George Aziz home.

Hope Chapter 124, OES, at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple.

Episcopal auxiliary groups at 2 p.m. with Mrs. Hubert R. Hudson and at the rectory.

TUESDAY

Treble Clef with Mrs. T. A. Kinder with Mrs. W. A. Velten as co-hostess.

Athenian club with Mrs. W. R. Jackson.

Civic League Christmas party at the Volney W. Taylor home at 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Penny Supper at the Central Christian church.

Self-Culture club Christmas party at the Volney W. Taylor home.

Wednesday Evening Bridge club Christmas party at the Jack Wiech home.

El Jardin Heights Social club Christmas party at 2 p.m. at the Charles Pinkley home.

THURSDAY

Victoria Heights Civic club party with Mrs. Harry Crowe.

Alpha Delphian chapter with Mrs. R. A. Hightower at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. Robert Runyon entertains at Landrum's from 4 to 6.

West Brownsville P.-T.A. at 3 p.m.

Brownsville Study club party with Mrs. R. R. Fife.

Junior Self-Culture club with Miss Betty Rockwell at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday Evening bridge club with Mr. and Mrs. Nat Hatcher.

Olmito Modern Priscilla club party at the Dan Robbins home.

Covered dish supper by the Beta Sigma Phi at the Harvey Nuckols home.

FRIDAY

Christmas party by the Stitch and Chat club with Mrs. Johnny Lee Vance.

Party by the Girls Friendly for mothers of members and the Episcopal auxiliary at 4 p.m.

Sacred Heart Altar Society party between 3 and 5 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Wright.

SATURDAY

Brownsville Federation of Women's club at 3:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian church.

McALLEN

MONDAY

Mrs. Bob Elmore will assist at the McAllen Child's Clinic.

1:00 p. m.—Mrs. John T. Lomax will entertain the McAllen Book Club with a luncheon at the Casa de Palmas Hotel.

3:00 p. m.—Mrs. Bob Elmore will be hostess to a meeting of the McAllen Music Club at her home.

7:00 p. m.—Members of the Pan American Round Table will honor their husbands with a dinner at the Casa de Palmas Hotel.

TUESDAY

2:30 p. m.—The Hoit Hammond Industrial Club will celebrate its Christmas party at the First Methodist Church.

7:00 p. m.—Rev. W. W. Stewart of Pharr will address the meeting of the Junior High School Parent-Teacher Association in the school's auditorium.

WEDNESDAY

9:30 a. m.—The McAllen Garden Club will meet at the First Methodist Church.

Mrs. W. R. Bond will entertain the Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club at its regular meeting.

Mrs. Jack Lomax will assist at the McAllen Child's Clinic.

The Red Cross sewing room for McAllen will be open at the Singer Sewing Machine Company office.

THURSDAY

Mrs. M. S. Winbury will be hostess to a Christmas party meeting of the Dr. Shelton group of the First Christian Church.

FRIDAY

Mrs. Blanche Johnson will entertain the Past Noble Grand Club of the Rebekah Order with a Christmas party at her home.

Miss Mae Myers will be hostess for a Christmas party honoring members of the Pioneer Club.

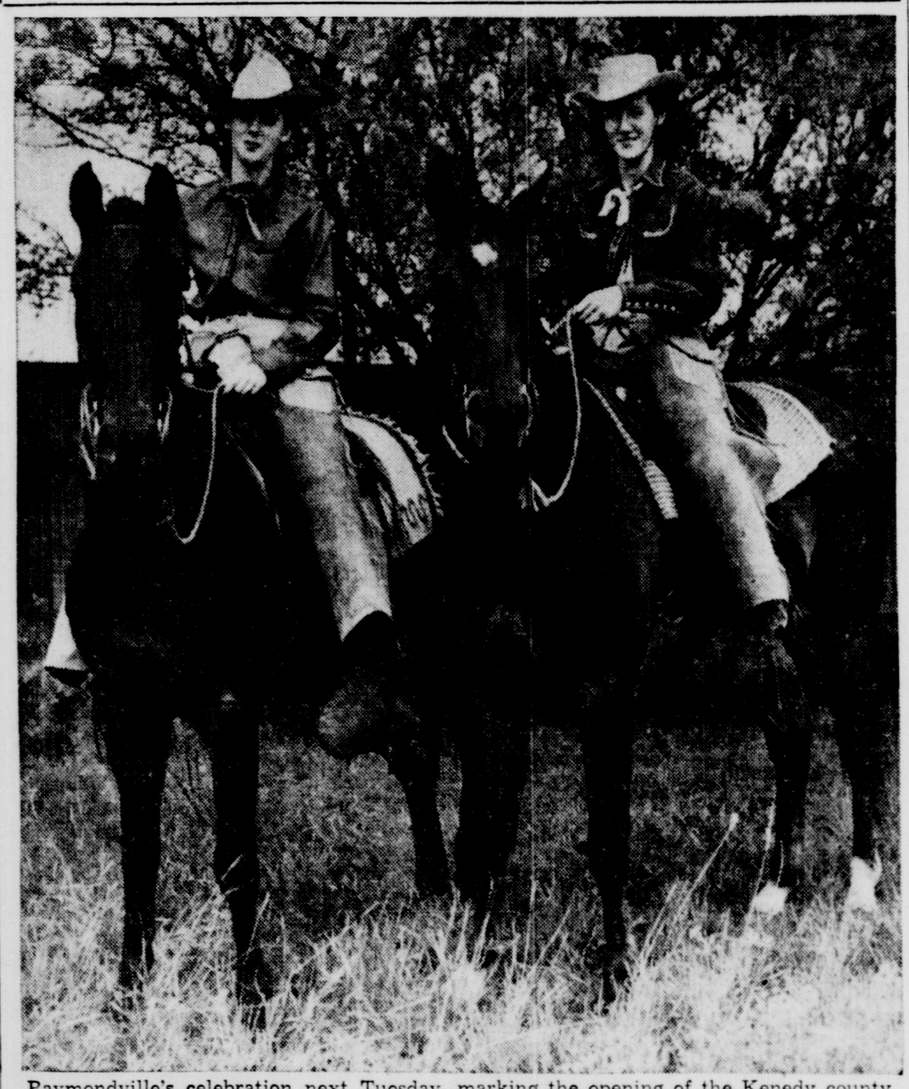
3:00 p. m.—The McAllen Child Study Club will meet with Mrs. A. D. Hubbard for its annual Christmas party.

Mrs. Wallace Bohannon will assist with the McAllen Child's Clinic.

GUEST FOR WINTER

ALAMO—Mrs. Hildegard Becker of Farmington, Minnesota, is spending the winter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carley Hart.

New Road Borders Ranch Home



Raymondville's celebration next Tuesday, marking the opening of the Kenedy county highway, will be a gala event for Alice (left) and Tommie Tate, for the road goes right by their formerly isolated home at Norias Ranch. The girls, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tate, are expert in horsemanship and were two of the outstanding contestants as sponsors of Kenedy county in a recent riding contest. They especially enjoy rodeos and have attended them since childhood, usually participating in the children's events. They are students in the Raymondville school. (Dodd Photo.)

Coming Of Christmas Gives Dominant Note For Study Club Meet

HARLINGEN — Both setting and program for the Thursday meeting of the Harlingen Study Club radiated a Christmas note as members met at the Woman's Building. Vivid poinsettias were arranged about the club room, while a small lighted tree on the piano, the mantel banked with fern and pine burrs and small Christmas lights added to the effect. By the mantelpiece was a red velvet stocking and along the mantel edge were peppermint candy canes.

Hostesses were Mrs. J. C. Atchison and Mrs. Polk Hornaday.

To introduce the topic, "Vistas of Memory," members described some Christmas custom in their homes, the incidents ranging from singing of carols to stringing cranberries for the Christmas tree.

In a talk, "Heritage of Christmas" Mrs. J. C. Crossett reviewed for members the earliest accounts of the Nativity, including reports of Christmas observance in many lands, several famous poems, and closing with the reading of the Scriptural account of the first Christmas.

Mrs. John Dempsey, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Frank Dempsey, sang an old Christmas carol, "We Three Kings of Orientale."

Nearly a dozen well known carols were sung by a group from the Treble Clef Music Club directed by Miss Mary Elizabeth Challes. Singers included the leader, Betty Lu Hill, and Betty Jean Smith, Avelyn Chaudoin, Betty Lou Williams, Frances Ruth King, Henrietta Liston, Marie Harpin, Doris Ann Gavenda, and Mary March.

Climax to the program was Mrs. A. B. Newell's superb presentation of the Christmas story as related in Esquire by Manuel Kimroff in a story, "The Return of the Magi." Mrs. Newell, a former member of the club now residing in McAllen, gave the story beautifully, using the author's exact words.

Out of club guests for the day were Mesdames C. W. Letzerich, A. M. Letzerich, Almeda Caswell, and Lee Tucker.

Betas Meet Monday

BROWNSVILLE — A discussion of plans for the covered dish supper to be held Thursday evening at the Harvey E. Nuckols home will feature the meeting of the Beta Sigma Phi chapter at the home of Miss Inez Brulay Monday evening.

Couple Wed Recently Are Honor Guests

SAN BENITO — Mr. and Mrs. Emil Ayoub entertained Wednesday evening with a dinner party complimenting Mr. and Mrs. George Ayoub whose marriage was solemnized Monday at Edinburg. Guests were Miss Bettye Swan Lockmiller, Miss Doris Ogden, Miss Bennie Jean Flanakin, and H. K. Pitts. Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Brady of San Benito and Mr. and Mrs. Ford of Harlingen.

Following the dinner guests enjoyed dancing at Barreda.

Mr. and Mrs. Ayoub will make their home in Mercedes where Mr. Ayoub is with the Interstate Theatres.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Dodds were hosts Wednesday night to their bridge club. Following the dinner at the Stonewall Jackson hotel games of bridge were enjoyed at the Dodds home.

Mrs. R. B. Stewart received the award for high score for the ladies and Mr. Stewart for the men.

Mrs. Maud Singer, houseguest of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Vinsant was a guest. The next meeting will be the annual Christmas party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Vinsant, Monday, December 23rd.

T.E.L. Class In La Feria Enjoys Party

LA FERIA—Mrs. A. W. Amthor, Mrs. N. A. Everett, and Mrs. P. A. Coppin were hostesses Thursday afternoon at the educational building for the annual Christmas party held by the T.E.L. Class. Colorful decorations featured attractive arrangements of poinsettias and branches from the Brazilian pepper tree.

Mrs. Coppin, president, was in charge of the business meeting. It was announced that the class had contributed a dollar each month during the year toward the "hundred thousand fund."

Mrs. Amthor had charge of the program which was as follows: vocal solo, "Oh, Holy Night," Miss Mildred Tuma, accompanied by Miss Frances Evelyn Hennessee; "Christmas in Other Lands," Mrs. John H. Mitchell; piano duet, "A Trip wth Santa," Misses Frances Evelyn Hennessee and Viola Yarbrough.

Santa Claus was a special guest and distributed gifts from a gayly lighted and attractively decorated tree.

Mrs. Mitchell was presented with a gift from the class by Mrs. Coppin.

The hostesses served a salad plate with tiny Christmas trees as favors to 27 members and Mr. Albert Douglas and son, Charles, of Kansas City, Mo., who were guests.

The Home Demonstration Club will meet Monday evening at the Legion Hall for the annual Christmas party and dinner. Husbands of the members will be guests.

The La Feria Parent-Teacher Association heard reports on the student loan fund of the Bi-County Council at the regular meeting Wednesday in the junior high school building. Mrs. A. H. Moore, president, was in charge.

Mrs. E. C. Wallace described the service the student loan fund is affording, stating that 10 students have been assisted by this fund towards higher education.

A Christmas play was given by children of the primary school. Mrs. J. L. McNail discussed "The Home as a Cultural Center."

Attendance awards were made to Mattie B. Wiley's second grade pupils, Miss Opal Allen's 5-B room, and the seniors in high school.

Christmas Programs To Be Presented By P.-T.A. Group

RAYMONDVILLE — Christmas programs to be present during the week include broadcast organ recitals at 6:45 each evening with the town's best organists participating.

On Thursday evening at the church at 7:30 a pageant will be given in which many adult members and children in the Sunday school are taking part.

The high school Choral Club under the direction of Mrs. Vera L. Beck will sing, accompanied by Mrs. B. S. Wright.

Mrs. Carters Arrives From Ohio

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. H. J. Charters of Youngstown, Ohio, has arrived to spend the winter months. She is located at Palm Courts hotel. Mrs. Charters, who spends almost every winter in Brownsville, drove down from San Antonio accompanied by Mrs. F. Davis Cromack and her young son, Dan. The pair, who are residing in San Antonio temporarily, visited with Brownsville relatives, returning to the Alamo City with Mr. Cromack who had arrived the day before on business.

Adventure Of 'Alice' To Be Enacted In Play Staged For Children

Performance Scheduled Tuesday

HARLINGEN — The Fine Arts Club will present the second play of the Clare Tree Major series Tuesday, December 17, at 4 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium, when "Alice In Wonderland" will be staged.

Children from 5 to 75 will relive the Lewis Carroll Classic which has brought joy to children the world over. Alice's strange adventures with the White Rabbit, the Mad Hatter, the Duchess and the White Queen will bring fond memories to the older children, and amazement to the younger ones.

The actors, though young, are professionals and have been with the Clare Tree Major and other stock companies several years. Leslie Garall who takes the part of the White Rabbit and the Mock Turtle attended the Yale School of the Drama and has been in several Broadway productions.

Dorothy Burdette who is 'Alice' is vivacious and charming and has long coveted the role of Alice. Her remarkable likeness to the original illustrations of the Lewis Carroll fantasy makes her performance more than ordinarily convincing. She finds that playing for juvenile audiences is, by far, the most satisfying and demanding phase of theatre work. Admission is by season ticket, or single admission of 50c apiece.



Alice (Dorothy Burdette), to her alarmed astonishment, finds that the queer feeling in her head is caused by the mysterious appearance of a crown.



The woebegone White Queen (Dorothy Martin), explains that she has lost her comb. (A scene from Alice in Wonderland.)

Yule Party Held By Club

HARLINGEN—The Stuart Place Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Robert McNabney Thursday with Mesdames W. L. Medley, Paul Lane, Perry Brown, and A. T. Withers as hostesses.

Members answered roll call by expressing Christmas wants.

It was reported that 75 children are being served hot chocolate at the school under the Surplus Commodities program.

The group voted to co-operate with the Sunday School in furnishing a tree for the school entertainment on the evening of December 18.

Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. O. C. Smith with Mrs. Jessie Ringham as co-hostess

Special tribute was given by Mrs. A. T. Withers to the new members of the club this year. They are Mesdames R. L. Day, J. L. Woodward, Jessie Ringham, R. B. Bull, H. B. Caddell, W. E. Carey, and Stout.

An exchange of gifts from the Christmas tree was carried out and pumpkin pie and coffee were served. Present in addition to the new members named were Mesdames Sam Baker and Wm. Dietrele, visitors, and Mesdames Filbert Engelbrecht, H. F. Perkins, Bert Haynes, O. C. Smith, A. T Withers, W. L. Medley, A. Haynes, J. H. Ingram, Paul Lone, E. M. Vencill, Perry Brown, Paul Davies, J. J. Garrett, Winnie Decker, J. W. Mayfield, and John Miller.

Club Federation To Meet Saturday

BROWNSVILLE — Members of the Brownsville Federation of Women's club will meet Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church.

The Self-Culture club will be in charge of the program.

Health Topic For Program Of Interest

ALAMO—Topic for the program at the meeting of the Alamo Sorosis Club on Thursday was "Public Health." Mrs. T. C. Downs was hostess and had her lovely home decorated with flowers and fruit in fall colors.

"Health Needs of the Valley" was given by Mrs. Frank Denzer; "Local Welfare Work" was emphasized by Mrs. Grant Montgomery; and "The Handicapped Child" was discussed by Mrs. C. O. Williams.

As an extra feature of the afternoon, Mrs. Frank Denzer reviewed the boo' "The Fire and the Wood" by R. C. Hutchison.

The club voted to give $15 toward the community building and to buy a five dollar tuberculosis bond.

The next meeting will be a Christmas luncheon at Halliburton's on December 27.

Mrs. Allan Cox was hostess to the Christmas meeting of Circle Two of the Community Church Ladies Aid on Wednesday. Her home was attractively decorated in the holiday theme with the gift exchange packages arranged about a silver tree.

Mrs. Howard Baugh was elected chairman for next year. The 30 members present were served dainty refreshments by Mrs. Carl Eddy and Mrs. Leland Mathews.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Montgomery had as dinner guests on Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Heid and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith of Weslaco.

The Alamo library, sponsored by the Sorosis Club for the benefit of the public, has at this time one thousand volumes. It is located in the lobby of the Alamo Hotel. All are invited to enjoy the use of it.

The Proximo Sunday school class of the Community Church held their annual Christmas turkey dinner and party at the church on Friday.

Visit Briefly

HARLINGEN—Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Fordham left Saturday for their home in Houston after two days visit with Mrs. Fordham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Simmons. The Fordhams formerly resided in Harlingen. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons returned early in the week after seven weeks spent in Leon, Iowa, where they were called by the death of Mrs. Simmons' father. They visited in Chicago before starting on the return trip home.

ATTEND STYLE SHOW

COMBES—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wade attended the Weslaco style show Thursday night.

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Valley Youth Outstanding In Debate

KINGSVILLE—Richard Rowe of McAllen, a member of the A. and I. squad that represented this school at the Southwest Debate Tournament in San Marcos last week, has received a special recognition. The officials of the tourney sent Rowe a certificate certifying that he had been selected as an outstanding debater.

Teams that Rowe debated against were Abilene Christian College of Abilene, Sam Houston State Teachers College of Huntsville, TCU of Fort Worth, Baylor University of Waco, Lamar Junior College of Beaumont, and St. Mary's University of San Antonio. Results on five of the debates came in, showing that A. and I. debaters won 3 and lost 2.

Rowe debated against the University of San Antonio here both Friday afternoon and Friday night.

Bill Holmes, Myrtle Wolfshohl, Richard Rowe, and Betty Jo Fry were the participants in a debate held in C. M. Montgomery's Journalism-English class this week. The former three are from McAllen, while the latter is a former resident of Raymondville now residing in Falfurrias.

A. and I.'s Christmas holidays, at first announced for December 20 to January 2, will instead begin at noon on Saturday, December 21, and continue until the morning of Friday, January 3.

Govie Waller of Los Fresnos is the only Valley pgroduct trying out for the Javelina basketball quintet. Waller formerly played with the Los Fresnos High School team and the Brownsville Junior College Scorpions.

The only game the Javelinas have played so far this year has been with the Scorpions, although there is a possibility that one or two more games will be played before Christmas.

A large number of people from the Rio Grande Valley came to Kingsville last Sunday to hear the tenth annual presentation of "The Messiah." The presentation was made before an appreciative crowd from all parts of South Texas. Approximately 80 voices participated in the singing.

Dayle Chaudoin of Harlingen, vice-president of Delta Sigma Chi fraternity, is now serving as active president of the organization. James Wheeler, official president, has been called into active National Guard service. Chaudoin is a senior engineering major.

New Junior Self-Culture Head



Mrs. Jack Wiech, shown above in her Brownsville home, took time by the forelock this past week, and began wrapping some of her Christmas packages. Just at the moment, she seems preoccupied with the bow she is making of ribbons. Mrs. Wiech, the wife of the county attorney, is the new president of the Junior Self-Culture Club, and active in other clubs. (Staff Photo.)

McAllen's Christmas Parties Fill Week's Social Entertainment

McALLEN — Christmas time is providing the impetus for scores of parties next week at McAllen.

The functions will open at 1 p.m. Monday when Mrs. John T. Lomax entertains the McAllen Book club with the annual luncheon at the Casa de Palmas Hotel. Each member at this time will report on customs of observing Christmas in various foreign lands.

At 7 p. m. Monday a surprise is in store for all who attend the annual Pan-American Round Table's Christmas dinner, honoring their husbands. While the event is the yearly Christmas party, the program will be on "The Four Horseman of the Americas." It remains a dark secret who will talk in the person of "the Gaucho of the Argentine;" "the Llanero of Brazil;" "The Charro of Mexico," and the "cowboy of North America." As an added attraction there will be musical numbers and dances by girls in native costume.

The First Methodist church will be the scene of the Hoit Hammond Christmas party at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday, and Mrs. Bob Jolly will be hostess to the annual observance for the Ma Kocha club the same day. That evening Mrs. Jack Doherty will be hostess to a Christmas party for the Beta Sigma Phi sorority at her home.

To highlight the Christmas spirit the McAllen Garden club's program Wednesday morning will use "Christmas Decorations" as its theme. Mrs. W. R. Bond's home will be opened Wednesday afternoon for the annual holiday party for the Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration club.

So far the only party scheduled for Thursday will have Mrs. M. S. Wimbury as hostess to the Dr. Shelton group of the First Christian church at her home.

Friday the Pioneer club will gather at Mrs. Mae Myers home for their annual recognition of the date; the Past Noble Grand club of the Rebekahs at Mrs. Blanche Johnson's, and the McAllen Child Study club at Mrs. A. D. Hubbard's.

Club Enjoys Party Noting Yule Theme

WESLACO—The Just We Neighbors Club enjoyed an unusual hospitality in keeping with the holiday fastivities when members of the club who had birthdays the first half of the year honored those who had anniversaries the last half of the year, with a luncheon at Halliburton's Tuesday.

Members were seated at one long table attractive with the Christmas colors of red and green decorating the cake and with the floral arrangement of scarlet poinsettias.

The eight guests were welcomed by the eight hostesses greeting them by singing "Happy Birthday."

Mrs. John Rouse, the incoming president gave a toast to the guests and following the luncheon a comic stunt was presented.

Those enjoying the affair were Mesdames Alden Wade, G. G. Aldridge, John Rouse, T. F. Langford, J. McKinney, Nople Foster, O. E. Ridenour, R. Horne, J. L. Wood, J. W. Wilder, J. E. Potts, John Thornburg, F. W. Edwards, O. E. Kramer, J. Wiggins, and George Morrison.

The Christmas Party is scheduled to be held at the home of Mrs. Alden Wade, December 20 at seven-thirty o'clock with Mrs. Langford as co-hostess.

Donna Library Receives Much Needed Books; Adds Loan Feature To Service

By MRS. WALTER WEAVER

DONNA — During the past two months the Donna public library has had a remarkable growth, acquiring 825 much-needed new books, and establishing of a loan system whereby other books may be secured as needed.

Any book needed which is not available locally will be lent to the Donna public library for a month by the St. Louis library. As a result anyone in the community desiring material on any subject may obtain it within a week by making his request to the Donna library and paying the postage, which is only three cents a pound each way.

Of the 750 new books now on the shelves, 500 were lent by the Texas State Library. These are part of 5,000 books sent to the county from Austin in the interests of a county library. They will be left in the Valley for a year or more. The 500 in the local library may, as soon as local readers are through reading them, be exchanged for another 500.

Morley's "Kitty Foyle," Llewellyn's "How Green Was My Valley," St. Exupery's "Night Flight," Levant's "Smattering of Ignorance," Komroff's "Travels of Marco Polo," Bowen's "Beloved Friend," and Heiser's "American Doctor Odyssey," all among the late best sellers, are in the collection.

A third of the books are adult fiction, a third non-fiction, and a third new juveniles. There are several of the books on aviation, photography, interior decoration, Texas history, Texas wild flowers, hobbies, and world problems. There are also Western stories, detective stories, and modern plays.

The Encyclopedia Britannica, purchased by the Donna Library, has 25 volumes including the 1940 yearbook, and covers any subject of interest to people today.

From Mrs. B. O. Wilkinson, who is just moving to San Antonio, 180 books were received. Many of these have been recently requested by patrons—Austen's "Pride and Prejudice," Scott's "Heart of Midlothian," another copy of "Gone With the Wind," two novels by Christopher Morley, the "Life of Helen Keller," several volumes on the writing of English, and 150 other books of equally high standard, including fiction, non-fiction and juveniles.

Nearly 50 books were given by the Mercedes public library, which has just recently been organized. In return, more than that number of duplicate copies of books were lent to them by the Donna library.

Mrs. O. E. Davis gave 40 books, including a dozen of stories, plays and poetry in Spanish, for which the Library is having an increasing demand.

The Donna Women's club presented Hutchinson's "The Fire and the Wood," which was given by Mrs. Volney Taylor.

Book Is Reviewed For P.E.O. Group

RAYMONDVILLE—At the meeting of Chapter A. Q. of P. E. O. at the home of Mrs. F. B. Wilson, Mrs. R. H. Fackleman expertly reviewed "Of Human Kindness" by Ruth Comfort Mitchell.

Mrs. Mitchell is a member of P. E. O. in California.

Mrs. Glenn Flinn was hostess for the afternoon.

McAllen Navy Man Is Wed At San Diego

McALLEN—Interesting to scores of friends here is the announcement of the marriage of James Earl Smitham, former McAllen man, stationed on shore duty with the United States Navy at San Diego, Calif.

The young man, son of Mrs. Mabel C. Smitham, and the late James A. Smitham, was married November 4 to Miss Lillian Lee Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton C. Taylor of Phoenix, Ariz.

The ceremony was performed at San Diego where the young couple are at home at 3227 Dalbergia street.

Mr. Smitham, who has lived in McAllen most of his life and who is a graduate of the local schools, has been in the navy for the past five years.

24 metro—Talk given .....

PHARR—"The Christmas Spirit and Attitude" was the topic of the interesting address given Thursday by Rev. W. W. Stewart of the Trinity Episcopal Church at a meeting of the Pharr Garden Club held at the lovely home of Mrs. Ashley Cawthon.

The program was arranged by Mrs. George McCullough. Table arrangements were by Mrs. J. W. Puckett, and Mrs. D. W. Iford. A large number of the club members attended the Weslaco Style Show in Weslaco Thursday night.

Next meeting of the club will be held January 9, 1941, at the home of Mrs. D. U. Buckner, at which time Mrs. E. E. Draeger will have charge of the program on "Valley Shrubs."

Table arrangements will be by Mrs. Burt Coate and Mrs. E. C. Self.

Mrs. J. F. Stewart entertained with a delightfully appointed party for members of the newly formed "This and That Service Club" at her home here Friday afternoon.

Arrangements of poinsettias were used and an elaborately trimmed Christmas tree added to the chosen motif.

In the series of bingo games, each winner was permitted to pick a prize from the tree.

Refreshments consisting of angel food squares, topped with whipped cream and chopped green and red cherries and coffee were served to: Mesdames Rex Norman, A. L. Price, Roy Barnes, Ben McCulloch, Burton Bensen, Garland Akin, Albert Schlichter, A. B. Fields, Lum Sims, and Elton Clark.

Weslaco Club Group Holds Meet On Friday

WESLACO—Mrs. K. P. Caskey was speaker at the December meeting of the Mothers club of Stephen F. Austin school held in the auditorium Friday afternoon. Her audience heard with enthusiasm her story of "Change Comes in Bible Lands."

Mrs. L. S. Riddle, president, who has moved to Harlingen, conducted the afternoon meeting and presented her resignation.

Mercedes Student Given Recognition In Music

MERCEDES—Mildred Brust, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Paul S. Brust of Mercedes, was selected as a senior member of Alpha Chi at Mary Hardin - Baylor, a scholarship sorority which selects its members, with faculty approval, from the upper tenth in scholastic ranking in the junior and senior classes.



Miss Brust has the unique distinction of an A-average over the entire period she has attended college and has been a consistent honor roll student. She will graduate next June with a Bachelor of Music degree in piano and will be presented in an evening's recital, prior to her graduation, by her instructor, Dr. Walter Gilewicz, former instructor at the Stern Conservatory at Berlin, Germany, the Conservatory at Kharkov, Russia, and the College of Music at Cincinnati.

She is also a member and pianist of Historical Phila and of Phi Epsilon, a music organization in which she was recently elected vice president and program chairman. She arranges the Sunday afternoon musical programs of her club on which prominent guest artists and outstanding musical talent of the college are featured.

Attend Council

EDCOUCH — Among Girl Reserves attending the Interclub Council Saturday at Sharyland were June Vittetoe, Arlene Witt, and Mildred Smith. Miss Mary Alice Gay and Miss Genevieve Rhodes also attended.

BPW's Set Party

BROWNSVILE — Christmas party of the Business and Professional Women's Club is slated for this afternoon at Landrum's. The event will be held between the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock.

Gift Exchange Is Bridge Club Feature

McALLEN—A gift exchange featured the meeting of the Little Bridge Club Thursday when Mrs. Dick Harris entertained the group with a dessert bridge at her home.

Arrangements of poinsettias and red roses mingled with miniature Christmas scenic groupings for the decorative scheme.

Mrs. I. B. Sigler won high score prize.

Present were Mrs. Collin Vinsant of Pharr, Mrs. L. L. O'Neall, Mrs. W. W. Jones, Mrs. W. B. Spell, Mrs. L. H. Moore and Mrs. Homer Rowe.

Mrs. Roy Lombard Hostess For Club

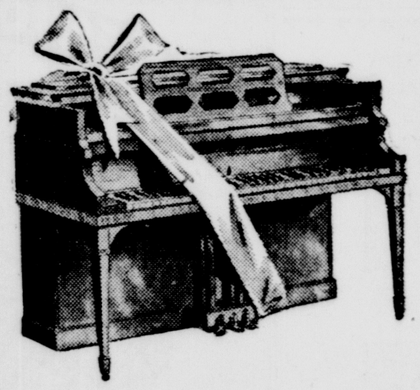
WESLACO—Mrs. Roy Lombard was hostess for one of the prettiest club courtesies honoring the Bluebonnet club at her home Tuesday. The Christmas colors was emphasized in flowers and refreshment course was served to members and one guest, Mrs. Ted Pratz of Chicago.

Mrs. Clyde Young won score award at the close of the interesting afternoon.

VISITS FOR HOLIDAYS

McALLEN—Mrs. E. A. Constant of New Iberia, La., arrived recently to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Alexander. Her husband will join her here later for the holiday season.

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Sharyland Sweetheart



Miss Martha Rumbel is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Rumbel of Sharyland and Mission. A junior in Sharyland high school, Miss Rumbel was crowned football "Sweetheart" at the close of the high school football season. She is president of the Sharyland Girl Reserves and secretary of the William Sharp Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution. (Kerr Studio.)

Valley Garden Club Add Hundreds Of Shrubs To Bougainvillea Trail

LOS FRESNOS—Recent extensive plantings of bougainvilleas and substantial increase in funds for extending the Bougainvillea Trail were reported at the December meeting of the Valley Garden Club held Friday in the First Methodist Church. Hostesses were members of the Southern Rose Garden Club with Mrs. H. W. Lupton as president.

Mrs. O. E. Stuart, Harlingen, directed the business period, featured principally by reports regarding the Bougainvillea Trail. Mercedes reported lovely plantings in Combes Park; La Feria announced considerable new plantings; Donna reported regarding an attractive Bougainvillea plot centered with lovebirds.

Plantings Heavy

The two garden clubs in Los Fresnos have been responsible for setting out 250 bougainvilleas. Edinburg is emphasizing the "gateway" to the Bougainvillea Trail and has planted 104 large-sized plants at the entrance and 30 additional plants on the north side, 36 on the south, and 200 additional bougainvilleas in yards. It was further announced the Edinburg club made $200 for the Bougainvillea Trail with a benefit staged one night.

Weslaco's benefit for the trail netted over $100 and McAllen reported $41 from magazine subscriptions.

To Border Airport

Mrs. G. W. Johnson announced her plan for having bougainvillea set out around the entire stretch of fence bordering the Pan-American airport at Brownsville and asked assistance in the large undertaking.

Mrs. Stuart suggested that each club send a list of the most beautiful plantings in each locality so that visitors might be shown the most beautiful sights in the Valley.

Mrs. Walter K. Campbell, McAllen, made an announcement regarding the annual Rose Day observances in January and named Mrs. O. E. Van Berg, Mercedes, Mrs. H. O. Schaleben, Edinburg, and Mrs. Volney W. Taylor, Brownsville, as members of her committee. Mrs. George W. McCullough, Pharr will serve as her assistant.

Prize for largest attendance went to Brownsville for the second consecutive time.

The group voted to take a covered dish luncheon to meetings of the council in January and February and at the same time to pay the usual 50 cents for the purpose of obtaining money to defray incidental expenses for the state Garden Club convention which will be held in the Valley in March. Next meeting will be in McAllen and the February meeting will be in Weslaco.

Highlight of the entire day was the fascinating talk given by Mrs. G. W. Johnson of Brownsville. She was introduced by Mrs. R. W. Fenwick of Edinburg.

Mrs. Johnson gave observations made during a stay of eight months in California and declared that California was originally a desert land and that almost all its beauty has been imported.

She compred the wild flowers of the Valley and California, saying the latter are more abundant but not more gorgeous. Especially impressive was her description of her visit to the Golden Gate Park and interview with the engineer who created a gorgeous park from wasteland.

A pilgrimage to the ancient gardens laid out by the friars, under the leadership of Charles Adams, which are being restored with original old-fashioned flowers, the beauty of the camellias, especially one over 70 years old and ceiling high, and other observations were of special interest.

Poinsettias Superior

Poinsettias grown in the Valley are far superior to those of California, Mrs. Johnson said, in urging much more abundant plantings of the blossoms, especially on vacant lots. Vacant lots in California are a-bloom with flowers she said.

Belief that the Valley should specialize in the planting of tropical and semi-tropical flowers, was expressed by the speaker. She suggested wisteria, acacias, eucaluptus, and possibly the monkey puzzle tree or araucoria.

The sumptuous turkey luncheon was a traditional Christmas feast and was served at tables decorated with a variety of blossoms and flowers. One table was done with bougainvilleas; another featured chile quipines and roses; and still another poinsettias.

During the luncheon Mrs. N. G. Chatelle sang "The Heart of a Rose," an original song dedicated to the hostess club. Mrs. Chatelle gave a story of the song and what she desired it to represent to the club members and to the world.

Mrs. Fackleman Hostess To Club

RAYMONDVILLE—Mrs. R. H. Fackleman prepared a delightful breakfast on Tuesday morning for members of her club.

Enjoying her hospitality and bridge that followed were Mesdames H. E. Tomme, H. W. Cook, L. O. Robbins, J. K. Smith, F. B. Wilson, E. H. Jamison and Murray Floyd.

Mrs. Smith received high award.

Edcouch Child Honor Guest On Birthday

EDCOUCH—Poinsettias were used to create a holiday motif when Mrs. F. P. Archer entertained with a children's party honoring the seventh birthday anniversary of her son, Billie Jack.

The young guests spent a very pleasant afternoon playing children's games. Balls and balloons were favors.

The pretty birthday cake was served with ice cream cones to the honoree and Dorothy Belle Leggett, Jimmie Lee Archer, Helen Marie Brieger, Evelyn and Rodgers Barker, Jardon Jones, Nancy Grass, Barbara Kay Cellum, Emma Gene Galbreath, and Buddy Poignee.

Mesdames J. B. Lester and W. K. Galbreath entertained at the home of the latter on Tuesday evening with a pretty party honoring husbands of the Eighty-four Club members.

The Christmas motif was noted in the decorations of the home and in the refreshments. A large, beautifully decorated Christmas tree gave emphasis to the chosen theme.

Miniature Christmas trees were used to decorate the individual cakes, served with cocoa and sandwiches.

Guests were Messers and Mesdames Carl Poignee, J. B. Lester, R. G. Bell and Mesdames A. J. Stephens and E. B. Baker and W. K. Galbreath.

Red and white chrysanthemums created a pretty holiday environment when Mrs. Henry Watson entertained members of the Thursday Bridge Club on Thursday afternoon.

High score was held by Mrs. Gordon Smith and travelling prize went to Mrs. W. C. Moore.

A pleasing refreshment course was served to Mesdames J. F. Byrnes, J. B. Ewing, M. P. Lackland, E. W. Martin, A. T. Moore, G. C. Norris, W. C. Moore and Gordon Smith.

Plans were completed for the Christmas party to be held December 20 at the home of Rubye and Geraldine Harbison at a meeting Thursday afternoon. The girls will each be allowed to invite a boy friend to this annual club event.

Announcement was made that the judging committee from the Home Demonstration Club County Council would judge the records of the candidates for the Gold Star Girl on December 29. Aileen Wade is the candidate from the Edcouch-Elsa 4-H Club.

Three new members, Celestine Carroll, Barbara Minyard, and Betty Spaulding were enrolled.

Following the business session, Miss Marie Miller gave a demonstration on making Christmas candy.

Later the candy was served with cake and punch to Billie Louise Harbison, Sally Ann Dyal, Aileen and Mary Ellen Wade, Geraldine Harbison, Rosemary Adkins, Doris May Wade, Naomi Vivian, Helen Brieger, Celestine Carroll, Barbara Minyard, Mary Evelyn and Betty Spaulding, Perry Jo Miller, Miss Miller and Mrs. Dyal, sponsor.

Joy Gifts Given At Circle Session

McALLEN—Mrs. Charles Jones at her home Thursday entertained members of circle two of the First Presbyterian Church when joy gifts were exchanged.

The event opened with a covered dish luncheon.

Mrs. June Bixby gave the devotional, assisted by Mrs. E. A. Lindsey.

Mrs. Winfree and Mrs. O. O. West presented the impressive Christmas program, prior to the gift exchange.

Twenty-two members were present with guests Mrs. Gus Johnson of Austin; Mrs. Lindsey and Mrs. Ronald Zachman, auxiliary president.

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Second annual Christmas vespers will be played by Miss Virginia Perry, pictured at the console of the memorial organ in the First Methodist Church, Sunday, December 22, in the Methodist Church. Miss Perry will play a selected concert of music beloved at Christmastime by many peoples for many years. By request on the part of many who attended the vespers last Yuletide, Miss Perry will repeat most of the numbers. The complete program will be announced the day of the concert. (Staff Photo.)

Christmas Tradition Is Observed By Class

HARLINGEN — The elaborate Christmas dinner and program, given Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Clark on the Harlingen highway, was a traditional event for members of the Gleaners Class of the First Baptist church who were hostesses. About 60 members and guests were seated at the long U-shaped table in a setting made delightfully festive with sparkling Christmas tree, candles, greens and poinsettias, and colored lights.

Included among the guests were a number of teachers in the Sunday School who formerly were members of the class.

A traditional Christmas turkey dinner with the traditional accompanying dishes were served. Later Santa arrived to distribute a gift to each person.

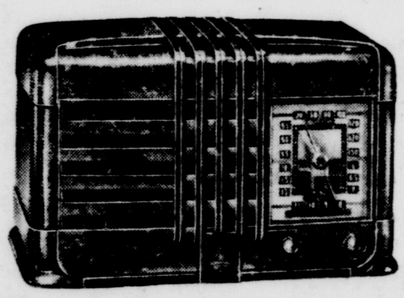
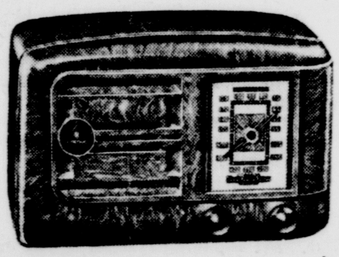
Missionary Program Presented At Meet

PHARR—"China and Japan" was the topic for the missionary study program, in charge of Mrs. Fred McGehee, at a monthly study and social meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church here, at the home of Mrs. George Ely in McAllen, with Mrs. A. J. Flowers, Mrs. A. B. Fields and Mrs. Wesley Linn as assistant hostesses.

Gifts were brought by the members for the Community Chest for needy children. The Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations and refreshments.

Bullocks Arrive

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Bullock have arrived from their home in Des Moines, Iowa, to spend the winter in Brownsville. They are located at El Jardin Hotel.

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Former Valley Couple Wed At Corpus

McALLEN — Announcement was made here Friday of the marriage of Miss Wilma Pearl Saunders of McAllen and Carroll V. Tanner of Corpus Christi at the latter city December 7.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Saunders of McAllen and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Tanner of Mission.

The evening ceremony, attended only by close friends and of the couple, was solemnized at the home of Mrs. D. C. Decker at Corpus Christi.

The couple returned to Corpus Christi Thursday where they will be at home at 1320 Eleventh Street.

The bride, who formerly was employed here, is now employed at the Corpus Christi Naval Base. The groom is an architect there.

For the ceremony the Decker home was bright with winter flowers. A pink and white trimmed bridal cake was served during the informal reception following the ceremony.

For her wedding Mrs. Tanner wore a royal blue street frock, trimmed with white lace. Her corsage of white stock matched the trimming.

Her attendant, Miss Margaret McBride wore a dark blue gown whose large red buttons combined effectively with the red carnation corsage she wore.

Best man was Arthur Dee Decker of Corpus Christi.

Easter Rites To Be Staged

MERCEDES — A Valley-wide Easter sunrise service is being planned by the Eighth district of the Texas Federation of Music Clubs. This colorful event is to be staged on a hill, west of the Seay Club House, on the Baseline Road about four miles north of Mercedes. This hill is easily accessible and is located in the center of the Valley.

The program for this sacred festival on Easter morning will be completed immediately after the New Year, according to Mrs. H. E. Hager of Mercedes, district president. Committees will be appointed to make the arrangements for the necessary equipment. Permission has been secured from the Rio Grande Land and Irrigation Company for the use of this elevated acreage for this service.

The services, patterned after those conducted each year in the Hollywood Bowl in California, will consist of songs, tableaux, and instrumental music heralding the ressurrection theme. The Mercedes Chamber of Commerce is cooperating with the district music club officials in the staging of this elaborate program. Mr. and Mrs. L. S. St. Clair Fisher of Mission will be in charge of the music and tableaux.

Green And White Bridal Theme Used For Pretty Tea For Mrs. Leon Perl

Mrs. Sam Perl Compliments Recent Bride At Event Attended By 125

BROWNSVILLE — One of the very pretty recent parties was the afternoon tea at which Mrs. Sam Perl entertained for Mrs. Leon Perl, a recent bride. The affair was held Thursday afternoon between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock at the Sam Perl home in Los Ebanos.

About 125 guests calling during the designated hours.

A green and white theme had been developed prettily throughout the rooms, with white roses, white stock, and while gladioli being the chosen blossoms. In the living room, there were two large arrangements of white gladioli in the living room, and set on a side table was a small bowl filled with white stock and set on a mirror plaque.

In a small room off the reception hall, an especially effective, low arrangement of white full blown roses was flanked by tall candlesticks holding white tapers.

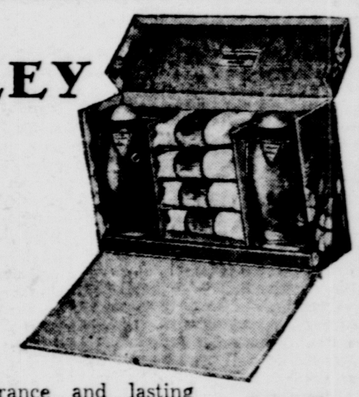
Receiving the guests were the honoree and the hostess. Mrs. Leon Perl wore an especially modish and becoming gown of white silk jersey, made with long, full sleeves, a gathered skirt, and a Russian military vest of green velvet embroidered in gold. Her flowers were white carnations and were worn in her hair. Mrs. Sam Perl wore a jacket gown fashioned with a jacket of pale rose wool jersey, with gold trim and a skirt of grey crepe. She wore sweetheart roses in corsage.

Assisting Mrs. Perl in entertaining were Mrs. Oscar M. Longnecker, Jr., who wore black taffeta with trim of American beauty and a corsage of red roses; Mrs. I. Dorfman, in sapphire blue velvet with corsage of pink roses, Mrs. M. Edelstein, in cream satin blouse and black velvet skirt with corsage of pink ranunculi; Mrs. H. Peter Oshman in shirtwaist frock of black jersey with blouse of American beauty and worn with a corsage of white carnations.

The members of the houseparty alternated in serving at the tea table, which was especially pretty and effective. Laid with white embroidered linen with inserts of lace, the table was centered with low rectangular containers holding white rosebuds and white stock, surrounding a mirror reflector. Tall white tapers burned in low crystal holders. Centering the sideboard was a many-branched crystal candelabrum holding white tapers, and at one end was a tall vase holding white gladioli. The tea dainties carried out the bridal theme of green and white also.

Mrs. Leon Perl was until her recent marriage Mrs. Corinne Pupkin Shapere.

PHARR—Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Nycum spent Friday and Saturday in Laredo.

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Edinburg Club Will Present Music Recital

Young Pianist To Be Featured

EDINBURG—The Musical Culture Club of Edinburg will present Miss Doris Bolls, talented young pianist, in a concert Thursday evening, December 19, at 8 o'clock in the Edinburg auditorium.

Miss Bolls will play a program of interesting numbers chosen from the works of Chopin, DeBussy, Liszt, Grieg, and a new composition by her teacher, Daniel Muller with whom she has worked for 5 years.

The Liszt number will be the Spanish Rhapsody arranged for two pianos by Busoni and Miss Esther Combs will play the second piano.

Miss Combs is a well known pianist and also has an outstanding soprano voice.

Wayne Muir of Alamo will assist with a group of tenor solos with Shirley Ward, Alamo, accompanying. Both are students of the Muller School of Music and Edinburg Junior College.

All music lovers in the Valley are invited to the concert.

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Club Enjoys Unique Event

SAN BENITO — Mrs. Lee Hugon entertained the Silk Stocking Club at her home Thursday afternoon. A Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations. Poinsettias decorated the living room and the tallies and score pads bore a Christmas motif. The salad course served upon the arrival of the guests was red and green stressing the chosen theme.

When playing ended Mrs. Ted Hudson held high.

Members and guests playing were Mesdames Othel Gigham, Jack Ehlers, R. A. Ewing, Mary Anderson Foehner, Ted Hudson, Al Lamm, H. Miller. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Al Lamm.

Members of the Art League met at the home of Miss Margaret McCandless Thursday afternoon for the Anual Christmas party.

Poinsettias decorated the home and the center of interest was the pretty Christmas tree.

Mrs. H. V. Gordon played several piano selections. Mrs. F. W. Burgess gave a talk on the Last Supper and the picture displayed. Mrs. O. T. Roots played several guitar selections and Christmas Carols were sung by the group accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Gordon.

Gifts were exchanged with quiz verses identifying the owners.

Members attending were Mesdames E. A. Daugherty, Mary T. Landrum, A. W. Fitzpatrick, Elmer Morris, A. R. Motheral, Fred Taylor, W. E. McKenzie, Frank Mayfield, F. W. Burgess, Mina Schroeder, N. B. Tankersley, J. W. Spradley, H. V. Gordon, A. T. Roots, A. C. Childers, and Misses Lillie Terrell, and the hostess.

The Athenian Club met at the home of Mrs. John Prentiss Wednesday afternoon for the annual Bible Day program, and Christmas party.

Mrs. John Shelander was leader for the program and gave an interesting talk on Feast days for Children of Israel.

Following the program the Christmas party was enjoyed. The home was decorated with poinsettias, and Mrs. Alex Kerr, social chairman acted as "Santa Claus," distributing the gifts from the pretty Christmas tree in the dining room. Mrs. Dorothy Maroney was present as a new member of the club.

An offering for the library was taken and the Women's Council luncheon next Thursday was announced and all members urged to attend.

The Aurora Club met at the home of Mrs. Lee Roy Crawford Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Myrtle Bowman, member of the high school faculty was guest speaker and gave an interesting talk on "Making a House a Home."

Plans were made for the club's Christmas party to be held next Wednesday, December 18th at the home of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, president.

Two new members were present Mrs. R. A. Curtis and Mrs. Cowan Robinson. Others attending were Mesdames Harrel Hollon, T. W. Lewis, H. C. Masse, D. A. Michael, A. R. MsHane, Charles Townesnd, Brad Mason, A. W. Boynton, Woodrow Wilson and Lee Roy Crawford.

Child Welfare Plan Being Carried Out

SEBASTIAN — The Sebastian Parent-Teacher organization met in the school auditorium Wednesday with Mrs. Harry Kolterman presiding. The executive committee met at 2:30.

Principal speaker was B. C. Stallings, local relief chairman, who presented an outline of the extensive program of feeding underprivileged children. The Parent-Teacher Association is to sponsor the work in the local school.

The program was presented by the folk dancing class under the direction of Mrs. Ray Morrison.

Mrs. C. A. Wynn, sponsor of fourth grade, and Mrs. W. L. Clarida and Mrs. Francisco Cortazo, room mothers, served a delicious buffet luncheon from a table decorated with red candles and poinsettias.

FROM MINNEAPOLIS

WESLACO—Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lentz of Minneapolis, Minn., are guests of Mrs. F. F. Emmons and family. Mr. Lentz, who has received recognition as a golf enthusiast, played at Harlingen Wednesday and at Brownsville Thursday.

Knits For Christmas



Mrs. Roger Robinson was hostess for the smart Christmas luncheon enjoyed by the Raymondville Women's Club as one of the outstanding events of the preholiday season. She was snapped by the photographer in her home as she used a few moments of leisure to do a bit of Christmas knitting. (Staff Photo.)

Panel Discussion Held On Foreign Policies At Inter-Club Forum

MISSION — Contemporary problems of American diplomacy were discussed by representatives of 25 organizations as the climax to the panel discussion of national foreign policies which opened the first session of the International Relations Inter-Club Forum, held Thursday night at the Mission public library under the sponsorship of the Misison branch, A. A. U. W.

Three angles of foreign policy developments were aired by speaker in the panel discussion introduced by Miss Alice Frad, A. A. U. W. president, and moderator for the evening's forum. R. D. Cox, Rotary club representative, traced the history of international diplomacy giving particular stress to the development of customs and usages of international law as observed by the United States. Efforts of contemporary statesmen to contribute toward inter-continent solidarity through the Pan-American conferences have been among the most praiseworthy achievements of the present day, the speaker said.

Mrs. L. G. Plyler, representing the P. E. O. chapter, traced problems growing out of the World War (Versailles) and Kellogg-Briand pacts. Of the two courses to follow in forming a post-war pact, the Versailles treaty was a compromise between the power politics and the collective security of fair courses, Mrs. Plyler outlined. Viewed from the present day conflicts, the treaty is another in the vicious cycle of bitter wars and vindictive treaties among European nations seeking self-preservation, Mrs. Plyler said.

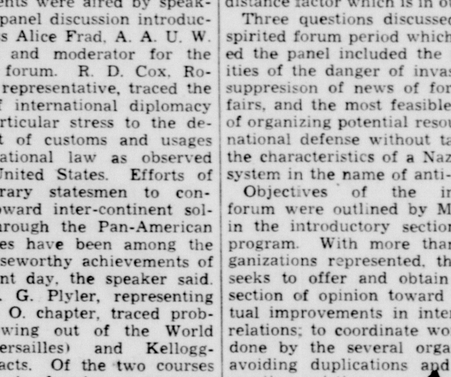
Late developments on contemporary foreign policies were outlined in the talk on "America's Choice Today" given by Oswaldo Ramirez, representative of the Club Latinos del Valle and the South Mission Chamber of Commerce. American foreign policies very with different parts of the world because of strategic and economic factors concerned in our relations with the respective countries. With the fall of France, present day politics affected a decided change, the speaker showed, as the realization of the need for adequate national defense became apparent. As a result, the need for hemisphere defense was realized and American diplomats concentrated on building a stronger navy and stronger relations with other countries in the hemisphere. Two factors are to be considered, the speaker showed—the time factor, which is against us and the distance factor which is in our favor.

Three questions discussed in the spirited forum period which followed the panel included the possibilities of the danger of invasion, the suppresison of news of foreign affairs, and the most feasible method of organizing potential resources for national defense without taking on the characteristics of a Nazi-Fascist system in the name of anti-Fascism.

Objectives of the inter-club forum were outlined by Miss Frad in the introductory section of the program. With more than 25 organizations represented, the forum seeks to offer and obtain a cross section of opinion toward the mutual improvements in international relations; to coordinate work being done by the several organizations avoiding duplications and supplementing existing programs; and to offer a medium through which general information of community interest may be disseminated.

Later forum programs are scheduled for February and April. Representatives at the first forum included W. R. Blalock, American Legion; J. E. Williams, Lions club; R. D. Cox, Rotary club; Oswaldo Ramirez, Club Latinos del Valle and South Mission Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. L. G. Plyler, P.E.O.; Mrs. H. E. Heppenstall, Cosmopolitan Study club; Doris Pearson, Girl Reserves; Mrs. T. R. Card, Music club; Mrs. W. G. Triplett, Wilson P.-T.A.; Mrs. A. E. S. de Bessieres, Legion auxiliary; Mrs. Joaquin Martinez, Alumni Association; Mrs. E. R. McWilliams, Woman's Tuesday club; Mrs. A. R. Schuelke, Eight and Forty; Mrs. T. W. Carter, N. Mission Home Demonstration club; Mrs. Pedro Barrera, Josefa de Ortiz Dominquez; Wilma Thiele, Pan American Student Forum; Mrs. C. E. Storms, Sharyland Home Demonstration club; Mrs. Lucy H. Wallace, Mission Garden club; Jack Wright, Hi-Y club; Miss Caroline Robbins, A.A.U.W. delegate, and Mrs. W. R Blalock, Mrs. A. A. Henricksen, Miss Mildred Nelson, Mrs. P. C. Avery, A.A.U.W. members; Miss Frad, moderator.

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Raymondville Couple Plans Open House

RAYMONDVILLE—Reverend and Mrs. Charles T. Hardt will have open house on Sunday afternoon, December 15, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Members of the Methodist church and friends throughout the town are most cordially invited.

All December birthdays of children in the Presbyterian Church school will be celebrated on Sunday morning, December 15, in a special little ceremony following the regular class period.

Cradle roll babies have been invited and little birthday cakes will be presented. Special music will feature the brief service.

The Presbyterian Church in all its departments will celebrate the Christmas season with a special program on Sunday evening, December 22, at 7 o'clock.

"Abide With Me" by Joseph M. Garrison will be presented by members of the various departments. The program will include the candle-light procession and other traditional scenes dear to the heart at Christmas time.

Following the service a group will go carol singing accompanied by wood-wind instruments.

The Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church will meet on Monday at 3 o'clock at the church. Theme: "Christmas and the Christian Home." Mrs. D. E. Decker is program leader. Mrs. C. J. Scott, president.

The Woman's Missionary group of the Baptist Church will meet with Mrs. Perry Holder on Monday at 3 o'clock for the program arranged and Christmas party.

Civic Leaguers To Hold Christmas Party Tuesday

BROWNSVILLE — Members of the Civic League will gather Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Quinta la Paz, home of Mrs. Volney W. Taylor, for the annual Christmas party. Members are urged to note the change from the regular meeting day of Thursday.

There will be an exchange of gifts among the members, and the group is asked to bring presents for the Charity home. Mrs. G. W. Johnson will be in charge of the program for the afternoon.

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Bascom Coxes Occupy New Home



Mrs. Bascom Cox of Brownsville is shown in one corner of her attractive new home. She and Mr. Cox recently moved into the new structure, one of the many attractive ones in Los Ebanos. The home is located on Palm Boulevard. (Staff Photo.)

Mrs. P. W. Hirst To Be Heard In Junior Program

BROWNSVILLE — Mrs. Penrose Hirst will be the special speaker presented for members of the Junior Self-Culture club at the regular meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Miss Bett Rockwell. Mrs. Hirst will talk on Women in the Bible.

The program meeting is scheduled for 3:30 o'clock, and an earlier meeting, at 1:30 o'clock, is called for the community center of the Buena Vida housing project, where the group will decorate a Christmas tree for the nursery school.

Announcement Made Of Recent Nuptials

PHARR — Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baden announce the marriage of their daughter, Edna, to Fred Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Erickson, of McAllen. The impressive service was read Friday, December 6, by Rev. Archie Reed, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Weslaco, at the manse in Weslaco.

The bride wore a frock of Bermuda green crepe with black accessories. Her corsage of yellow chrysanthemums and roses was tied with white bands of tulle.

The couple, who are well-known in the upper Valley, will reside in McAllen.

Altar Group Plans Party For Friday

BROWNSVILLE—Members of the Altar Society of the Sacred Heart church will be hostesses at a Christmas party to ladies of the parish at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Wright Friday afternoon. The affair will be held between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock at the Wright home, located 2 and one-half miles outside Brownsville on the Port road.

All ladies of the parish, and visitors, are cordially invited to attend. Those who desire to attend, and who have no means of transportation, may call one of the hostess group and transportation will be provided.

Those acting as hostesses for the afternoon will be Mrs. Wright, Mrs. I. S. Steiner, Mrs. Arthur Pitt, Mrs. John B. Puckett, Mrs. E. E. Richards and Mrs. Oscar G. Schendel.

Bank robbery reached its peak in the United States in 1932.

Holiday Guests Expected At Peek, Harriss Homes

BROWNSVILLE—Holiday guests expected in Brownsville the latter part of next week are Mrs. Baylis E. Harriss of Galveston, who will be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Harriss Peek; and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Turner of Waco, who will be the guest of their daughter, Mrs. Robert L. Harriss and Mr. Harriss. The visitors will remain throughout the holidays.

Ladies Aid Yule Party Is Held

BROWNSVILLE—Members of the Lutheran Ladies Aid were entertained with a Christmas party when Mrs. Ben Schroeder was hostess at her home Wednesday afternoon.

The hostess used poinsettias in profusion throughout the guest suite, and on the mantelpiece a small Christmas tree and holly. Centerpiece for the refreshment table was an especially pretty arrangement of red gladioli and red tapers.

The group sang Christmas carols as a prelude to a musical program which included, vocal solos, Christmas sings, the Rev. William C. Graumann, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Graumann; two piano duets, Mrs. D. D. Norton and Mrs. Graumann; Christmas selections by the high school girls choral society, directed by Mrs. Mildred Ormesher Hazelwood.

At the close of the program, each nne was given a small gift from the Christmas tree.

Attending the session were Mesdames E. Klockman, N. E. Dutro, G. Langner, Ben H. Pabst, T. Rommer, Fred Mullick, W. A. Ross, D. D. Norton, O. J. Davis, Earl Barber, Oscar Colberg, J. H. Kidder, S. McKone, Rusted, W. C. Graumann, Otto A. Manske, and Dr. Johephine Ridell.

Concert Set For Friday

HARLINGEN—The Music Lovers Club is sponsoring a program of Christmas music Friday, November 20, at eight o'clock in the First Methodist Church. The various churches of the community are cooperating in the program which promises to be especially enjoyable and inspiring.

The general public is urged to attend.

There will be no regular meeting of the Music Club Wednesday.

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Los Ebanos Garden Club To Be Sponsor

BROWNSVILLE — Discussion of the Christmas lighting contest to be sponsored by Los Ebanos Garden club was the main interest at the Thursday morning meeting of the club at the home of Mrs. Herbert D. Seago.

This is the second annual contest to be sponsored by the club, and members are again urging all residents of Brownsville to participate in the event, no matter how modestly. Aside from the members' participation in the lighting scheme, as a beautification project for the holiday season, the club plans as its contribution the beautification and lighting of Los Ebanos gates.

Through the cooperation of the city, the club is offering a prize of full payment of the December light bill for the most effective lighting. This is donated by the city.

Judging will be done Christmas Eve by a committee chosen by the club which will be named later. This committee will be drawn from strictly non-partisan groups.

Mrs. Larry Lightner was in charge of the program for the day giving an interesting talk on Christmas decorations, for outdoor and indoors, and gave the original of a number of Christmas customs.

The club members were especially gratified to hear that planting of the boulevard is nearly completed.

The next meeting will be held January 30 at the home of Mrs Lightner.

Children To Be Honorees

HARLINGEN—Friday, December 20, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., a Christmas party will be held in the Knights of Columbus Hall for children of St. Anthony's Catholic Church whose ages range from four to thirteen years. An elaborate program of games and entertainment is planned with a Christmas tree and presentation of gifts and a refreshment table decorated in keeping with the holiday season.

Mrs. Frank May is chairman for the event. Other members of the committee include Mesdames George Young, Lester Meng, Ted Johnston and John Tucker.

GUILD MEETING SET FOR MONDAY

St. Alban's Episcopal Guild will meet Monday at the rectory, 702 E. Van Buren. Hostesses will be Mesdames Adam Bennett, Phil Bleakney, Bert Patterson, and A. Manning.

METHODIST WOMEN TO CLOSE YEAR

The Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service meets at the church at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday for the final business meeting of the year. Members are urged to arrive promptly at 2:30 o'clock in order that adjournment may be had in time for members and their children to attend the Clare Tree Major Children's Theatre.

COMBINED MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY

The Harlingen Child Study Club will meet Thursday at 3:15 p.m. at the home of Mrs. A. H. Goldammer for a business meeting and a joint Christmas party for the children of members. Mrs. R. W. Frush and Mrs. Glen Schuepbach will be cohostesses.

Mrs. Walter G. Maloan will relate the Christmas story.

P. E. O. CHAPTER WILL GIVE TEA

Members of Chapter T, P.E.O. Sisterhood will entertain with a tea Monday from 3:30 to 5:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. R. W. Frush, 202 W. Buchanan. Mrs. W. M. Driskill is president of the hostess group.

Dinner Party Set

BROWNSVILLE—Christmas party of the Wednesday evening bridge club this year will be in the form of a dinner when Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wiech will be hosts at their home Wednesday.

Wedding Is Christmas



Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Young of Lyford announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Lorene, to W. J. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Allen of Wichita Falls. The wedding will take place Christmas Day at the home of Miss Young's aunt, Mrs. F. E. Stallings. The young couple will reside in Duncan, Okla., where Mr. Allen is connected with the Halliburton's Supply Company. (Holbrook Studio.)

Surprise Shower Given To Honor Lorene Young Is Pretty Lyford Event

LYFORD—Miss Lorene Young, bride-elect of W. J. Allen of Duncan, Okla., was honored with a surprise bridal shower and tea given Monday evening in the home of Mrs. A. E. Parker. The Christmas season was reflected in the room decoration featuring a profusion of poinsettias banked in fern.

Hostesses for the attractive hospitality included Mesdames A. E. Parker, Grady Whittle, and Joe Cantu and Miss Linnie Cummings.

In the early afternoon the group enjoyed the singing of Christmas carols.

Many lovely and useful gifts were presented to the honoree.

Forming the guest group were Mesdames W. N. Elliott, Florence Carlson, A. K. Hocott, T. H. McDonald, J. L. Box, S. L. Sowards, Lila Bagley, J. D. Keene, H. Mooradian, F. E. Stallings, Bill Corder, A. J. Critchfield, Dave Goss, Fred Stone, Cooper Wilson, Ralph Archer, J. H. Williams, T. D. Dunaway, Grady Whittle.

Mesdames T. R. Stanford, Raymond Hocott, Floyd Plum, Howard Haygood, I. L. Jones, Clyde E. Craig, F. L. Young, T. Boone, J. C. Strawn, and Janet Strawn, Misses Lucile Parks, Mary McKeand, Pearl Harrell, Vesta Ferguson, Janice Craig.

Simple Rites Solemnized

HARLINGEN — Mrs. Mattie Butler of Louisiana and E. R. Benedict of Alamo were married Thursday afternoon in a simple ceremony performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Head. Rev. Cal McGahey of Combes was the officiating minister.

The bride wore a costume of soldier blue with a corsage of pink Columbia roses.

Only witnesses for the ceremony were members of the Head family and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Pye, and Mrs. Belva DuBose of Primera. Pink roses were arranged about the home and decorated the table from which cake and coffee were served after the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Benedict will reside in Alamo.

Buffet Supper

MISSION — Christmas colors predominated in the appointments for the buffet supper which Mrs. Adolfo de la Garza and Mrs. Alfredo Barrera gave for members of the Josefa Ortiz de Domingues Study Club at the former's home.

Green candles in white holders were used with sprays of poinsettias to form the centerpiece of the buffet table. Miniature reindeer were presented as favors.

Groups Plan Events For Christmas

HARLINGEN — Annual Christmas banquet of the Harlingen Business and Professional Women's Club will be held Monday at 7:45 p.m. at the Reese-Wil-Mond Hotel.

The Christmas program will be in charge of Miss Joyce Wilson.

Reservations should be made with Myrtle Householder, 671, or Vera Turner, 420-W.

ALATHEAN CLASS MEETS WEDNESDAY

The Alathean Class of the First Methodist church will hold their annual Christmas party Wednesday from three to five o'clock at the home of Mrs. D. B. Dunkin, 1802 South First St. in Finwood Heights.

CHRISTMAS DANCE PLANNED BY GROUP

Harlingen Assembly of the Order of the Rainbow will hold a regular meeting Monday, December 16, at 5 p.m. at the Masonic Hall when delegates of the order will be exemplified and a Christmas party held. Plans will be completed for a Christmas dance December 23.

All officers and members are urged to be present and members of the Star and Masonic chapters are invited.

Grand Officer Makes Visit

HARLINGEN — Official visit of Mrs. Jane Hensley, La Feria, deputy grand matron, gave special interest to the regular meeting of Harlingen Chapter 641 Thursday evening. Mrs. Mary Bowers, worthy matron presided.

A large number of guests were present including Mrs. Aline Atterberry, worthy matron for the Mercedes chapter, and Mrs. Margaret Ryman and Mr. Bennett, worthy matron and worthy patron respectively for the Brownsville chapter.

Mrs. Hensley gave instructions to the chapter from Grand chapter and was presented with a lovely vase as a token from the Harlingen group. Presentation was made by Mrs. Celia Fristoe.

Special music was furnished by Mrs. Jenne Bennet and Mrs. Mable Lee Perry.

The reception committee included Mesdames Helen Smith, Denna Thompson, and Edna Thompson.

Colorful poinsettias were used to decorate the chapter room and to form the centerpiece for the attractive refreshment table. Mrs. Edna Thompson and Mrs. Gussie Mae Carr were seated at the table pouring coffee and serving individual cakes topped by poinsettias and other dainties.

The decoration committee was composed of Mrs. Ella Grimsell and Mrs. Jennie Spangler and Mrs. Maudine Lambert and Mrs. Lucy Caulk were on the refreshment committee.

Alton Amadeus Club Plans Yule Party

MISSION — Plans for the Alton Amadeus Club's annual Christmas party were made this week when members were guests of Miss Lulu Thompson for a business meeting directed by Mrs. J. W. Pierce, vice president. The party will be held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ewing Jennings.

Three guests at this week's meeting were Mrs. Bert Akers, Mrs. Dan Loganbill and Mrs. Pearl Hall. Members were Mesdames Richard Bayne, Robert Bormann, S. L. Brascamp, H. A. Feinbold, J. D. Harper, L. L. Hawkinson, H. Hill, Claude Hilburn, Edd Houston, J. D. Jennings, T. B. Norman, C. O. Papke, Howard Quick, Calvin Quick, Josephine Thompson, Merle Wright, Albert Wicks, Otto Woods, Ollie Williams, Pierce and the hostess.

Refreshments were served at the tea hour.

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Progressive Dinner Plans Are Laid By Girls Club

BROWNSVILLE — Decision to hold a progressive Mexican dinner New Year's Eve in honor of former club members was reached by members of the Bourgeoisie club at the home of Lila Lee Prosser.

The event will honor Beth Personett and Helen Jean Russell who will be at home from school for the holidays.

There was a drawing of names for an exchange of gifts.

The hostess served a delightful refreshment course to Misses Rose Alice Bishop, Jeanette Hofheinz, Billie Lee and Elizabeth White.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, December 21.

California Guest Goes



Mrs. Don Lewis, with Mr. Lewis, left Thursday for their home in Los Angeles, after spending ten days with Mrs. Lewis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Humphrey. Mrs. Lewis was honoree for several interesting informal affairs during her stay. (Holbrook Studio.)

Author Of Pageant

Mrs. H. B. Scott, Donna, prominent in social and civic groups, is the author-producer of the Bougainvillea Pageant presented during Donna's Dia Grande and acclaimed as the Valley's outstanding pageant. She is one of the most active members of the Donna Garden Club. (Hall Studio, Weslaco.)



A Cappella Of Tri-City Sings Tuesday

ALAMO — The Pharr-San Juan-Alamo high school A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Ward Timmons, director of vocal music, will present a concert at the high school auditorium on Tuesday night, Dec. 17 at eight o'clock. The admission of 15 and 25 cents will be used toward purchase of their new robes of white and blue satin. The richly varied choral program, promises to be one of the best in the history of the school. Personnel of the choir includes first sopranos: Cleda Jo Bentley, Betty Carrothers, Margaret Chastain, Betty Davis, Edwella Draeger, Willa Jean Farris, Anna Mae Flowers, Hazel Ingram, Sylvia Jones, Joy Levens, Virginia Wahlers and Evelyn Whitlock.

Second sopranos . . . Rosalie Carrothers, Ruth de Shazo, Bette Mark, Wilma Ruth Muir, Belva Jean Norton, Carolyn Perkins, Maxine Richards, Jackie Richeson, Shirley Roberts, Thelma Rae Savell, Opal Scott, Jeanette Toothaker.

First altos . . . Mae Marie Buckner, Mildred Damron, Lorraine Danner, Joan de Vries, Nellie Faye Morgan, Dorothy Moseley, and Francis Thomason.

Second altos . . . Lillie Mae Damron, Clara Joy Irwin, Joyce Moseley, Margaret Saeta, Elizabeth Smith, and Louise Sorensen.

First tenors . . . Leon Carrothers, Carl Hein, John Roy Reibolt, Harvey Risinger, Wiley Files, Fred Tassell and Alfred Sorensen.

Second tenors . . . Leroy Carrothers, Joe Shedelbower, Earl Tolles, George Unland, J. D. Brooks.

First bass . . . Glen Doty, Billy Farrow, Paul Flowers, Sam Graham, Bob Ricks.

Second bass . . . Donald Carlson, Marvin Graham, D. W. De Shazo, Banks Miller and Kenneth Risinger.

Soloists for the group will be Joy Levens, Willa Jean Farris, Margaret Chastain, Edwella Draeger, Dorothy Moseley and Louise Sorensen.

Junior G.A.'s Plan Christmas Party

HARLINGEN—The Junior G.A.'s of the First Baptist church will hold a Christmas party Saturday, December 21, at the home of Nena Carden. Plans for the social, when a tree will be featured and gifts exchanged, were made at the meeting of the group this week with their sponsor, Mrs. Guy Fry, 410 E. Polk.

New officers were elected as follows: Claudia Jarrett, president; Lucille Wetegrove, vice president: and Mildred Jarrett, secretary. Chairmen include Nena Carden, social; Gwendolyn Florence, missions; Mary Cloud stewardship; and La Fonda Cloud, personal service.

A Christmas box for the needy was planned and at the close of the meeting the hostess served a salad course.

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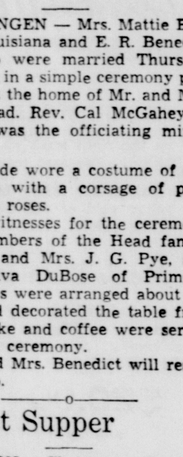


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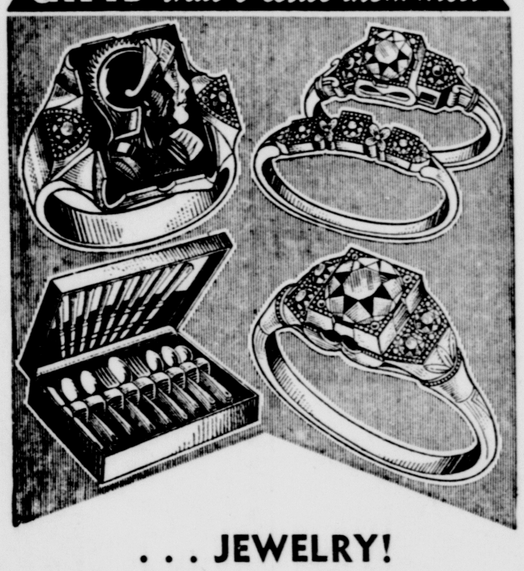
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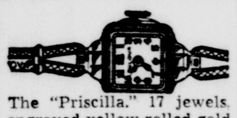


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This 'N That

By MINNIE GILBERT

MISTLETOE hunters have been responsible for the discovery that for some reason this fall mesquite trees have retained their foliage much longe. than usual.

Ordinarily, it's easy to locate the clumps of mistletoe for the round bunches loom up against the nearby bare tree branches.

Although mild, the weather this fall hasn't been particularly warm. There has been more rainfall.

And it's perhaps the moisture that has delayed defoliation.

Many persons have lived in the Valley for years without knowing that mistletoe abounds in the chaparral thickets.

The berries usually are not so white or so clear at Christmastime if the weather has been fairly warm, but usually some bunches that are fully ripened can be located—always on the top branches.

IT'S A SOURCE of satisfaction to us to learn that others share our liking for mesquite trees entirely bare of leaves.

There's no limit to the variety of shapes and curves the limbs and branches follow, the first impression being of extraordinary irregularity followed by a realization that though lacking symmetry, every tree is a study of beauty in line and every one is different.

And, then, of course, the appearance of the new leaves in the early spring is a joy because of their lucious greenness.

Which almost might suggest we're anticipating Easter before having observed Christmas.

IT'S GOING TO be a homey sort of Christmas from the signs that are legion if one thinks to notice.

It may be partly an effect of the war, but the season's trend is festive, informal and inexpensive.

Homemade decorations, goodies, and gifts have become so popular as to be fashionable and many kiddies this year will view Christmas trees strung with popcorn and cranberries for the first time.

IF THE WEATHER permits, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hunter will hold a sort of open house Sunday night from seven to nine o'clock in their garden at 222 W. Buchanan in Harlingen for their datura brougmansia.

At any rate, the unusual night-flowering shrub is to be lighted for that period if the heavy clusters of buds open that night as appeared likely late Friday.

The plant is sometimes miscalled angel's trumpet, of which it is a near relative.

Unlike angel's trumpet, the blossoms of the brougmansia have a pleasantly fragrant odor.

Ground lighting of the plant is to be tried Sunday night for the first time unless weather is unfavorable.

THE CHRISTMAS tree of New Zealand, we learned this week, is the bottlebrush.

The bottlebrush, though still rare, grows in the Valley, but doesn't produce its rust-red brushes until spring.

WILL SOME ONE kindly advise us whether there is a plant quarantine on the roselle—the plant that makes such luscious jelly for the Christmas season?

Being close kin to the okra plant, it seemed not unlikely that it, too, might be banned as a possible host to the pink boll-worm.

A HOBBY that furnishes enjoyment to a large number of friends is Mrs. Annie Jones' yen for collecting old music boxes.

Mrs. Jones, whose home is in McAllen, has collected the interesting musical instruments for a period of years and gives a great deal of pleasure by playing them for groups and telling how she acquired the various ones.

MRS. C. H. Simmons has some fine camellias just now blossoming in her garden near Stuart Place.

USE PALM bark as an inexpensive substitute for peat moss, advises Mrs. J. M. Lancaster of La Feria.

She finds it particularly useful in lining cans in which bougainvillea cuttings are planted as it insures drainage.

Incidentally, the La Feria Garden Club, of which Mrs. Lancaster is a member, is doing a splendid bit of work in presenting a series of programs this year on native shrubs and trees. Closer acquaintance with the Valley's wealth of native flowering plants and trees is the objective of almost all Valley Garden clubs.

UTILIZE ALL surplus cuttings, seeds, or plants from your yard to beautify the lot next door or across the street advises Mrs. Joe Junkin of Harlingen.

Mrs. Junkin, as chairman of the drive to beautify vacant lots in Harlingen, has learned that many gardeners have abandoned the habit of giving surplus from their gardens because their friends have definite plans for their yards and often prefer not to make the changes required by gift plants.

But, there are acres of vacant lots that can absorb many times the normal surplus and still the possibilities for general improvement of the town will not have been touched, Mrs. Junkin asserts.

PROBABLY the greatest result in a short period in the way of beautification has been brought about by the recently organized Flower Lovers Club of Harlingen. Since they started work on Travis Park, between Tyler and Polk, the improvement has been so marked that it gives promise of becoming one of the major beauty spots not only of Harlingen but the entire Valley.

Holiday Idea Stressed At Club Meeting

PHARR — Mrs. Fred Ruecking, assisted by Mrs. Fred McGehee, was hostess Wednesday afternoon, for the pre-holiday meeting of the Progress Club.

The attractive Christmas theme was carried out in every detail. Arrangements of poinsettias, and silvered foliage formed the pretty floral appointments.

The program of entertainment consisted of Christmas carols sung in unison by the club members, and a beautiful Christmas story told by Mrs. H. E. Downs.

Each club member brought a toy to the meeting, as a contribution to the Community Chest for needy children.

Mrs. E. C. Phillips presided over the coffee service at a beautifully laid table.

Those present were Mesdames Edith Baker, O. H. Archer, Roy Marnes, J. G. Bell, W. J. Busby, G. L. Callis, C. B. Cramer, H. E. Downs, E. E. Draeger, R. H. Fitzpatrick, A. J. Flowers, L. M. Flowers, R. E. Grimes, J. O. Jameton, Thomas Joyner, A. M. Kelley, L. L. Lewis, Ed Maule, H. L. Murphy, Rex Norman, E. C. Phillips, R. E. Slocum, C. L. Vernon, Guy Young, Burt Coate, Fred Ruecking and Fred McGehee.

Garden Club Plans Party

LOS FRESNOS — A called meeting of the Los Fresnos Garden Club was held at the home of the club president, Mrs. S. E. Barr on Wednesday afternoon.

During a brief business session plans were made for a Christmas party to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Sappenfield on the evening of December 20 at eight o'clock. Mrs. E. A. Olson and Mrs. F. K. Blackburn will be in charge of the Christmas program.

Refreshments of coffee and cake were served to Mesdames Joe Frankie, F. K. Blackburn, H. S. Ismon, S. S. Sappenfield, E. A. Olson, William Andresen, S. F. Henderson, Paul I. Gabbert, S. E. Barr and Miss Anne Glimme of Cambridge, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kretz have arrived in Los Fresnos to make their home. They were recently married in Springfield, Illinois. Mrs. Kretz was Miss Gertrude Frisch.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewis left Thursday morning for their home in Los Angeles, California after spending ten days with Mrs. Lewis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Humphrey. Mrs. Martha Moses accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Lewis as far as Blythe, California, where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. C. G. Casey.

Mrs. George Laakso had as her luncheon guest Tuesday Dr. Heinsohn of the University Methodist Church at Austin.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met on Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist recreation hall with Mrs. Paul Pederson in charge of the devotional. Mrs. R. S. Coons presented a paper based on the book, "Youth of Today."

During the business session plans were made for a penny supper to be served in the hall on Friday evening, December 13.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Porter and their two grandchildren Gloria and Ray Scott have moved to Mineral Wells.

Kowalski Boy Host At Party On His Birthday

BROWNSVILLE—Fred Kowalski, Jr., entertained members of his honor roll class of St. Joseph's Academy with a party on his eighth birthday, and on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Thursday.

Games occupied the afternoon hours.

Attending were Misses Mary Alice Perez and Anita Kowalski, and Johnny Puckett, Danny Eisaman, Bobby Lieck, Ted Dmitri, Albert and Gilbert Ortiz, Johnny Champion, Carlos Zarate, Joe and Panchito Dosal, Buddy Lieck, Eloy de los Santos, Gilbert Shultz, Frank Crixell, Justo Cisneros, Joe Reyes, Jr., Jerry Givens, and Buddy Lieck.

IN SAN ANTONIO

RAYMONDVILLE—Mrs. E. E. Baden and Mrs. George Bennack are spending the weekend in San Antonio.

Christmas Bride



In a simple home wedding Christmas Day, Elizabeth Jane Withers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Withers, Stuart Place, will become the bride of Joseph Arnold Kutzenberger, son of Mrs. Clara Kutzenberger, also of Stuart Place. (Holbrook Studio.)

Rio Hondo Girl Bride



Mrs. P. J. McMurty, a recent bride, was the former Miss Lela Taubert. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Taubert of Rio Hondo. Miss Taubert met Mr. McMurty on his return from Hawaii where he was stationed with the navy. They motored to Yuma, accompanied by her parents, where they were married.

Brazil Rites Of Interest In Valley

BROWNSVILLE—Word has been received here from Sao Paulo, Brazil of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Lalu Coachman, to James A. Russell, Jr., formerly of Brownsville.

The wedding will be solemnized January 3 at the home of the bride in Sao Paulo.

The bridegroom-elect, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Russell, Sr., of this city, has a host of friends, here and in other parts of the Valley, to whom the announcement will be of particular interest. He has been making him home in Brazil for the past several years, and is connected with the Anderson Clayton company.

FROM HOUSTON

ALAMO—Mrs. T. J. Martin of Houston is a guest at the home of her daughter Mrs. Tut Caddel and Mr. Caddel and son.

Back To Austin

BROWNSVILLE — Miss Doris Buchanan of Austin and New York City departed Saturday for Austin after spending ten days here in McAllen. Here she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bremer.

Red Cross Workers Are Sought

McALLEN—An appeal for workers to assist with the Hidalgo County Red Cross war production project was sounded this week by county officials in charge of the project.

Weekly on Wednesday the Singer Sewing Machine Company has permitted the use of its sewing room for Red Cross workers. The room will be opened at 9 a. m. and may be used for the duration of the day until further notice.

Mrs. T. W. Mahone of McAllen and Mrs. Vernon Hill of Mission are in charge of the county project. Both have been active in Red Cross activities here for several years.

Free instruction in knitting will be provided all who volunteer for the work, Mrs. Mahone said. Mrs. R. L. White and Mrs. A. D. Hubbard are serving as volunteer instructors. Yarn will be provided free-of-charge with workers required to purchase only their needles. Mrs. Olney Dean and Mrs. Blanche Doster are in charge of yarn distribution.

The county has a large quota of knitted goods, girls and women's dresses and other items to be completed by January, Mrs. Mahone said.

Program Is Given For First Ward P.-T.A. Thursday

BROWNSVILLE — Plans for the Christmas party were discussed, and a program was given for members of the first ward Parent-Teacher Association Thursday afternoon.

The program follows: play, by Miss Josephine Castenada's second grade; health play, Miss Lucille Skinner's fourth grade; songs by the fourth grade girls; piano selections by Slaine Wood. The Rev. Maurice Groves, new pastor of the Central Christian church gave an interesting talk on Christmas, and Mrs. Joe Stead gave several lovely guitar selections.

The book for the largest percentage, of mothers attending went to Miss Josephine Castaneda's room.

The next meeting will be January 7.

Program On Sacred Music To Be Given For Treble Clef

BROWNSVILLE — A fitting program on sacred music will be the feature of the Treble Clef club Christmas party Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Thurman A. Kinder when Mrs. W. A. Velten will be co-hostess.

Program leader will be Mrs. A. B. Brown. There will be a Christmas tree, with an exchange of gifts among the members.

Child Welfare Aided By Legion Auxiliary

HARLINGEN — Gifts to various projects were authorized at the meeting this week of the American Legion Auxiliary held at the home of Mrs. W. J. Colver, 410 Rio Hondo Road. Co-hostesses were Mesdames Vines, Lytle, King, Helsop, Gaines, and Gregory.

The group voted to give the sum of five dollars to the Christmas basket organization; $17.50 to the 40 and 8 child welfare project; and to purchase a $10 tuberculosis seal sale bond.

A delightful Christmas environment was created for the meeting with a tree as the center of interest. Each person received a gift.

Beverly Colver gave a Christmas reading and Mrs. Ethel Eagleston played two accordion solos.

Coffee and cake were served to 37 members and one guest.

At the next meeting, January 13, initiation of all 1941 members will be carried out.

Joy Marcille Strein Weds Jack Carey Jones In Impressive Rites

BROWNSVILLE — A simple and impressive home ceremony united in marriage Miss Joy Marcille Strein, daughter of Mrs. Crystal Butz Strein, and Jack Carey Jones of Guatemala City, son of Mrs. Margaret Carey Jones of Brownsville and New York.

The rites were read Thursday morning at 7:45 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother with only members of the families and a very few intimate friends in attendance. The Rev. J. Leonoard Rea, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiated at the ceremony.

The couple pledged vows in front of the mantelpiece which was banked with huge yellow chrysanthemums and small dubonnet chrysanthemums, flanked by yellow tapers in brass candelabra. The yellow chrysanthemums were banked on the piano too. In the reception hall were used salmon and pale yellow gladioli.

Mrs. Nora Lane was at the piano for the traditional wedding marches playing the "Bridal Chorus" from Wagner's "Lohenbrin" for a processional, and Mendelssohn's Wedding March for the recessional.

The bride entered with her grandfather, Joe Butz, who gave her in marriage. She wore a chic and becoming frock of Indian Penny crepe, with long, fitted sleeves and with a simulated, deep yoke accented with cut bronze beads. Her hat was an off-the-face brown felt, and other accessories were in brown. Her flowers, worn in corsage were white carnations and lilies of the Valley.

The bride's only attendant was her sister, Miss Lorene Strein, who wore burgundy crepe, trimmed with silk braid, and made with a girdle of soldier blue. Her accessories were black and her corsage was fashioned of ranunculi.

H. A. Dozier attended the groom.

The bride's mother wore a frock of black crepe, and a corsage of talisman roses. The groom's mother wore black also with chubby of black fur, and a corsage of cream colored gladioli.

Immediately following the ceremony, there was a reception. The table, laid in cream lace was centered with an arrangement of pink roses and white stock. At one end of the table was the wedding cake, surrounded with sweetheart roses, and flanked by tall white tapers. The cake was fashioned in the shape of two wedding bells, with a bridal design and the names of both bride and groom embossed on each. At the top of the two bells, standing under an arch of white entwined in sweet heart roses and fern were a miniature bridal pair.

After the bride had cut the first slice, Mrs. Van Dorn Wedegartner of San Benito served the cake. She wore a black crepe frock with corsage of violets and pink roses. Mrs. Stella Lewis, wearing a light blue frock under a coat of navy with a corsage of salmon colored gladioli, presided at the silver coffee service at the opposite end of the table.

Immediately afterwards, Mr. and Mrs. Jones departed by plane for Guatemala City where they will make their home.

The wedding claims much interest here, as the bride has resided here most of her life, and has been a favorite in younger social circles. She attended Brownsville schools, was graduated from the Brownsville high school and the junior college, and also attended the University of Texas. Mr. Jones, formerly of New York City, received his education in that city and at Michigan State college where he was a member of Phi Kappa Delta. He is senior pilot for Aerionas de Guatemala.

Jardin Club Sets Party Next Week

BROWNSVILLE — Plans for a Christmas party next Wednesday were made by members of El Jardin Heights Social club when Mrs. Alexander Loos was hostess Thursday afternoon at her home.

The party will be held Wednesday at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Charles Pinkley. All members are urged to attend as another quilt will be tied at this time.

At the meeting this week, in keeping with Bible week members answered roll call with Bible quotations and with current events.

The hostess served refreshments to Mesdames Louis Rank, Charles Pinkley, George Wahl, Wilbur Dickenson, Louis Demieville, C. E. Barnholdt, W. B. Mather, members, and Mrs. J. M. Davis of Shawnee, Oklahoma, a guest.

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League Dance At McAllen Draws Crowd

McALLEN—One hundred and sixty couples danced at the semi-annual Charity Ball, staged by the Junior Service League of McAllen Saturday at Club Royal.

The event was a "sell-out" early Friday and notably one of the most successful dances ever staged by the young matrons and misses civic group.

Proceeds will go to charity.

Annually at Christmas season the league's dance is staged. Annually large crowds attend.

The night club was prettied with Christmas decorations, featuring an all-white theme with ropes of white Spanish moss stringing from the center of the room to the corners. A large fireplace effect, centered with a huge Christmas wreath, formed a background for the orchestra. Mac Rogers Band, on a return engagement for a league dance, played during the dancing hours from nine until two o'clock.

A swirl of smart dance frocks was in evidence at the event. Dancers came from over the entire Upper Valley.

Yule Setting Is Effective

MISSION — Mrs. C. S. Albrecht added a pleasant hospitality to the series of parties with a holiday theme when she entertained the Wednesday Afternoon Bridge Club this week. Floral arrangements of turk's cap and poinsettia blossoms accented the approach of the Christmas holiday. Games appointments gave further emphasis to the motif.

Mrs. Pat Levnes and Mrs. Wilburn Smith were out of club . guests Members included Miss Mary Vaiden Wood, Mesdames Norton Boyd, C. E. Langston, Frank Yeller, W. F. Oakes, Dan Friesen, David Wood, Jr., Leon Scott, and Glen Buckner. Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Langston won high and second high honors, respectively, for the afternoon's games.

Mrs. Albrecht served a dainty refreshment course after the games.

Donna Choral Group To Sing

DONNA—The Donna Choral Society under the direction of Daniel Muller, will present a concert Sunday at 8 p. m. at the First Baptist Church here.

In keeping with the holiday theme a Christmas cantata, "Prince of Peace" will be sung. The soloists will be Mrs. Moss Sargeant, soprano; Miss Daisy Ellen Polk, Pharr, soprano; Miss Esther Combs, Alamo, soprano; Miss Betty Burkhart, Alamo, mezzo-soprano; Mrs. Clara Wymer, Donna, contralto; Mrs. O. R. Scott, Weslaco, tenor; M. Sommers, Donna, tenor; Wayne Muir, Alamo, tenor.

There will be no services in any of the other churches this evening so that all may attend. Everyone is invited. There will be no charge and no collection.

Mrs. Carl Drennan Hostess At Bridge

ALAMO — Mrs. Carl Drennan was hostess to the members of the Wednesday bridge club this week. The floral decorations were gladiolas in pastel shades. She served a dessert course to the following:

Mrs. Albert Jensen, Mrs. Dales Knapp, Mrs. Darnell de Roulac, Mrs. Ira S. Sharp, Mrs. Tut Caddel, Mrs. C. B. Vincant and Mrs. Frank Persons.

Mrs. de Roulac held high score, Mrs. Caddel second high, and Mrs. Knapp, low.

Mrs. Harry Douthit Breakfast Hostess

RAYMONDVILLE — Mrs. Harry Douthit charmingly entertained members of her club on Thursday morning at a delightful breakfast amid the fragrance and beauty of traditional Christmas spicy firs and berries.

Present were Mesdames Roger Robinson, Fredrick Humphrey, Earl Gilliland, John Fambrough, J. C. Brandt, L. C. Brenner, Murray Floyd and M. C. Yoder.

Mrs. Brenner was presented with the high award.

Club Entertained By Mrs. Howard

RAYMONDVILLE — Members of the Wednesday Club met in the home of Mrs. C. N. Howard for bridge this week.

Members and guests enjoying the hospitality were Mesdames John Farbrough, J. G. Caudle, B. S. Wright, C. D. Ritter, Don Hightower, Lud Snow, I. B. Loe, Harvey Geis, Gene Smith, Murray Floyd and E. H. Jamison.

Mrs. Hightower was rewarded for high score.

San Perlita Club Plans For Party

SAN PERLIT—The San Perlita Home Demonstration Club held its meeting on Thursday in the school home economics room.

Fifteen members answered to roll call.

Mrs. George Young gave the council report. Plans were made for the Christmas party Dec. 18.

Mrs. C. C. Knight directed the recreation and Mrs. Carl Deming, as hostess, served seasonal refreshments.

Mrs. Edgar Kieschnick



Before her marriage in the Grace Lutheran Church in Sinton Tuesday evening, Mrs. Edgar Kieschnick was Miss Esther Ray Adams. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Adams of West Sinton. Mr. Kieschnick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kieschnick of Harlingen. The couple will reside in Houston. (Photo Courtesy Corpus Christi Caller-Times.)

Simple Church Service Solemnized For Couple; Well-Known In Harlingen

HARLINGEN — In St. Anthony's Catholic church Thursday morning at eight o'clock, the marriage of Miss Betty Yates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Yates, and Finis Easterling, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Easterling of Clanton, Ala., was solemnized with Father A. Antoine, O. M. I. performing the impressive rites. Extreme simplicity marked the service which was attended only by immediate families of the couple.

Floor baskets of peach gladiolas were placed toward the altar, the only decoration of the church.

Miss Yates were an autumn frock of brown crepe combined with crepe in a gold shade. Her accessories brown and her bouquet was an unusual crescent-like arrangement of Betty Nuthall gladiolas with rich green and gold taffeta ribbons giving the effect of leaves.

Her only attendant, Miss Ruth Yates, was attired in a wool costume of dusty rose trimmed in wine velvet. She wore a corsage of gladiolas tinted blue.

Attending Mr. Easterling as best man was Herman Bookout.

A wedding breakfast was held after the ceremony at the Reese-Wil-Mond Hotel with only the wedding party and families of the couple participating.

After a week's honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Easterling will return to Harlingen to reside. Both are graduates of the local high school. The bride has been an employe of the Harlingen office of the Central Power and Light Company for three years and Mr. Easterling is manager of the Texaco Station.

Mexico City Guests Arrive Thursday For Christmastide

BROWNSVILLE — Arriving Thursday to spend the holidays here with relatives will be Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Goodrich, and their young son, B. G., and E. K. Goodrich, all of Mexico City. E. K. Goodrich will join his wife and young son and daughter, who have been visiting here for the past week. Mrs. B. N. Goodrich will remain after the holidays, going in January to St. Louis as the delegate of the Mexico City Junior League to a convention of the Junior League.

Auxiliary Meets

BROWNSVILLE—The two groups of the Woman's auxiliary of the Church of the Advent (Episcopal) will meet at 2 p. m. Monday at the home of Mrs. Hubert R. Hudson and at the rectory.

Pelikans Away

BROWNSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pelikan are spending ten days in San Antonio.

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Open House In Combes Is Enjoyable

COMBES — James Dishman P.-T. A. held open house at the school Thursday night, and a delightful Christmas party was enjoyed by parents and teachers. Mrs. Z. Matherne, president, opened the meeting and introduced Mrs. H. M. Brazil, program chairman, who presented a short program. Mrs. A. C. Bell of Primera spoke on "Leisure in the Home." W. W. Ballard, of Harlingen, spoke on "Leisure in the School." Mrs. Prentice Edmiston led the carol singing with Miss Mary Ladd at the piano.

Games were enjoyed and Old Santa came in with his pack and distributed gifts to the group.

At the close of the program and games delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Z. Matherne, Mrs. Amos Daniels, Mrs. Floyd Nixon and Mrs. Ralph Turner.

The Christmas program and party for the school children will be held at the school Friday, December 20, program to begin at 1:45 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Mrs. W. T. Staton, Sr., Mrs. Jeff Gilbert, Mrs. O. R. Rose and Mrs. W. T. Staton, Jr., attended a shower honoring Mrs. Herschel Trousdale of Rangerville. Mrs. B. Q. Roler was co-hostess with Mrs. Bauldin.

The committee for the Christmas program at the Baptist church has stated the progrim will be given Sunday night, December 22.

Rev. and Mrs. Cal McGahey attended the All Day Baptist Workers' meeting in La Blanca Friday.

Hope Unit, OES To Hold Party At Chapter Close

BROWNSVILLE—At the close of the regular chapter meeting, Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Masonic Temple, members of the Hope chapter 124, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold the annual party.

Members are reminded to bring gifts of food or money for the Christmas baskets for several worthy families.

Mission Tot Honored On Second Birthday

MISSION—Ann Ellen Armstrong's second birthday celebration was a party given in her honor by her mother, Mrs. Jack Armstrong and attended by ten little playmates.

Games were planned for the play hour which was climaxed by the presentation of Christmas toy favors to the guests before the birthday cake was cut and served with ice cream.

Mrs. Armstrong was assisted by Mrs. Ransom Walker, Mrs. A. F. Volz, and Mrs. Clyde Tolen. The small guests were Helen Marie and Bobbie Walker, Clyde Donald and Danna Tolen, Tommy and Mary Louise Robertson, Claudie and Arah Phillips, Marlene Volz and Darlene McHenry.

To Sing In Oratorio



Miss Barbara Ruth Green, second year student at the University of Texas, will be one of the vocalists in the University of Texas Singers who will present the oratorio "Elijah" by Mendelssohn Sunday afternoon in Austin. The singers will be accompanied by the University Symphony orchestra and are directed by Archie N. Jones. Miss Green has been named as one of the honorees for the Texas A. & M. dance during the Christmas holidays.

Luncheon Is Compliment To Mrs. Sheldon Smith

MISSION—Mrs. Sheldon Smith was complimented with a dinner party Thursday evening as a farewell gesture extended by members of the Court St. Rose of Lima, Catholic Daughters of America, at the Cactus Tea Room. Mrs. Smith, who was the first grand regent of the court when it was organized in 1923, will leave next week to make her home in Jackson, Tenn.

A lovely strand of sterling silver rosary beads was presented Mrs. Smith from Mrs. A. J. Shary, presient regent of the chapter. A corsage of gold and purple gladiolias, colors of the Catholic Daughters of America, marked Mrs. Smith's place at the dinner table.

Covers were placed for Misses Mary Catherine Fine, Nellie Keating, Verna Klapperich, Lenore Koller, and Clara Nosbich, all of Mission; Mesdames Harry Berset, and E. E. Garza, McAllen; George Allen, Pharr; Charles Volz, J. E. Walsh, Gus Rome, Lein Bourgeois, Raymond Klapperich, Anna Gerlach, Ollen Rome, J. F. Tanner, Shary and Smith, all of Mission.

Trio To Be Hostesses To Self-Culture At Yule Party

BROWNSVILLE — Annual Yule party of the Self-Culture club has been set for Wednesday afternoon at Quintz la Paz, the home of Mrs. Volney W. Taylor, when co-hostesses will be Mrs. R. Roy Ruff and Mrs. E. T. Yates.

There will be an exchange of gifts among the members and Christmas carols will be sung.

Some New York department stores now sell automobiles.

From Wisconsin

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. E. K. Goodrich has as her guest her niece, Miss Louise Newman of Madison, Wisconsin. Miss Newman will remain for the holiday season.

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SUNDAY

5 p.m. Alpha Theta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi has ritual of jewels at the home of Miss Louise White.

MONDAY

7:45 p.m. Harlingen Business and Professional Women's Club will have their annual Christmas banquet at the Reese-Wil-Mond Hotel.

2:30 p.m. St. Alban's Episcopal Guild meets at the rectory, 702 E. Van Buren.

9:30 a.m. Flower Lovers Garden Club meets at the home of Mrs. Nina Mohr, 301 E. Monroe.

3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Chapter T, P.E.O. will entertain with a tea at the home of Mrs. R. W. Frush, 202 W. Buchanan.

5 p.m. Harlingen Assembly of Order of Rainbow meets at the Masonic Hall, for exemplification of degrees and Christmas party.

TUESDAY

7:30 p.m. The Young People's Class of the Methodist Church will have a "kid" party at the church.

3 p.m. Baptist W.M.S. meets at the church.

3 p.m. Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service has final business meeting of the year at the church.

8 p.m. Christmas party for Junior Fine Arts Club at the home of Mrs. Glenn Miller.

4 p.m. Fine Arts Club presents Clare Tree Major players in "Alice in Wonderland" at Municipal Auditorium.

WEDNESDAY

1 p.m. The Hobby Group meets at the home of Mrs. N. B. Lackland, 706 E. Van Buren, for a Christmas party.

3 to 5 p.m. Alathean Class of the Methodist Church meets at the home of Mrs. D. B. Dunkin, 1802 South First street, Finwood Heights.

1 p.m. Lieut. Thomas Barlow Chapter N.S., D.A.R., meets at the Woman's Building in Donna.

2:30 p.m. Blue Bonnet Club of Stuart Place meets at the home of Mrs. Filbert Engelbrecht.

THURSDAY

3:15 p.m. Harlingen Child Study Club meets at the home of Mrs. A. H. Goldammer.

FRIDAY

6:30 to 9 p.m. Party for children of St. Anthony's Church at K. C. Hall.

8 p.m. Music Lovers Club sponsors an hour of Christmas music open to the public at the First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Young Goes

BMOWNSVILLE — Mrs. R. L. Young departed Friday morning for her home in Houston after spending ten days here with her daughter, Mrs. George McGonigle, Jr., and Mr. McGonigle.

Shawnee Guests

BROWNSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Davis have arrived to spend the winter months with Mr. Davis' aunt, Mrs. Louis Demieville. The visitors are from Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Hawthorne Book Review Club Topic

BROWNSVILLE — Mrs. Howard L. Cummins was in charge of the program at the Friday morning meeting of the Literature and Arts Review club at the home of Mrs. F. W. Hofmokel.

Mrs. Cummins gave a sketch of the life of Nathaniel Hawthorne, bringing out how representative Hawthorne's work is of his time. She sketched the events of the book, which is familiar to most, retelling the story.

The members in a business session decidedto buy magazine subscriptions for the Y. M. C. A. with the funds in the treasury.

Attending were Mesdames C. S. Eidman, Rufus Ransome, Joe K. Wells, Joe Vivier, Edward McChesney, G. D. Sutton, Howard L. Cummins, R. A. Porter, Penrose W. Hirst, Joseph C. Jordan, and Winship Hodge.

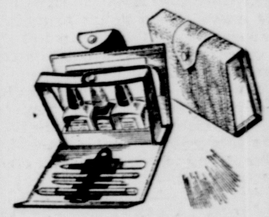
The next meeting will be held January 10 when Mrs. Jordan will be hostess and Mrs. Joe Vivier, Jr., will be in charge of the program.

COMBES—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wilson have moved into the Irving Bradford home.

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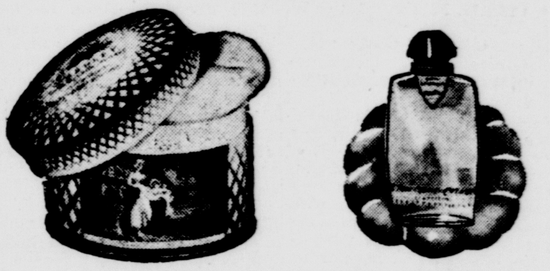
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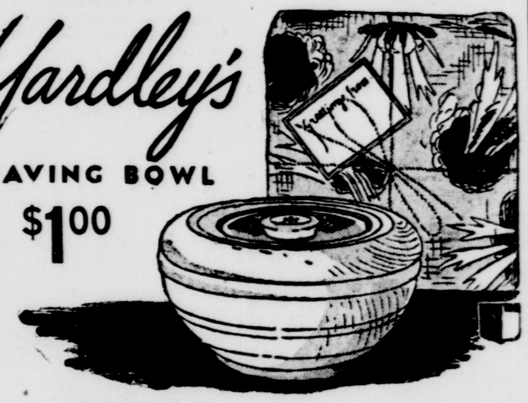
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Mallory Service To Resume Wednesday

BROWNSVILLE—Definite booking of the SS Medina for loading at Port Brownsville December 23 was announced Saturday by Gilbert Philen, agent for the Clyde Mallory Lines.

The Medina, second ship to load at Brownsville in resumption of regular Mallory service, will take cargo for New York and Boston.

The Mallory service will be reinaugurated next Wednesday with the SS Ozark. After the sailing of the Medina on December 23, service wil continue on a weekly schedule. The H. R. Mallory will dock here on December 30.

Another scheduled arrival during the month is the tanker SS Torres, owned by the Richfield Petroleum Corporation. The tanker December 29, will take on a full cargo (about 55,000 barrels) of crude oil and will sail for Mobile.

New President

Paint Company Heads Are Advanced

HARLINGEN—Arthur W. Steudel has been elected president of the Sherman-Williams Company, succeeding George A. Martin, who becomes chairman of the board, according to information here from Cleveland, O.

Steudel has been vice president and general manager and now becomes the fourth president in the 74 years since the company was founded. He was born in Cleveland in 1892 and entered the employ of the Sherwin-Williams Company in 1908 as office boy.

Martin, dean of the paint industry, was born in Montello, Wisc., and went to work in the Chicago stockyards at the age of 12. In 1887 he started to make paint specialties for railway locomotives and found himself in competition with Sherwin-Williams Company. In 1891 he joined the company as manager of the Calumet Paint Company division at Chicago. In 1916 he had become vice president, and in 1922 president.

Christmas Music Is Slated For Sunday In Local Services

HARLINGEN — Christmas music will be featured at the First Presbyterian church Sunday with James Johnson of Edcouch as the guest soloist. He will sing "The Angel's Song," by Stickler.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Challes will play for the services, using "Legend," by Tschaikowsky, for the prelude in the morning and "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," by Thomas Este, for the evening. The morning offertory will be "A Christmas Pastorale," by H. A. Matthews, and the evening offertory "Sleep, Holy Babe," by J. B. Dykes. The morning postlude will be "Adeste Fidelis," arranged by R. J. Pitcher, and "Comes Now God's Beloved Son," by J. S. Bach, in the evening. The choir, under leadership of William C. Black, will song, "Come and Worship," by Heyser.

Rev. G. W. Crofoot will preach on "The Bethels of Life" at the morning service and "Three Men in a Man" at the evening service at 6:45 p. m.

Kiwanis In Willacy Slate Special Meet

RAYMONDVILLE — The Raymondville Kiwanis club is announcing a special meeting of Kiwanians on Tuesday, December 17, for the benefit of out-of-town Kiwanians who wish to make up attendance.

Place of meeting may be ascertained at the chamber of commerce on Tuesday.

CCC Worker Goes Up North For Winter Training

BROWNSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vertrees of Brownsville, has arrived in Cumberland, Pa., with 368 CCC workers from Northern Arizona.

The workers will remain in training at Cumberland until mid-January, when they will return to Arizona.

Fidelis Class Meets

HARLINGEN—The Fidelis Class of the First Baptist church will meet Monday at 3 p. m. with Mrs. T. R. Lovelace, 302 East Taylor, with Mrs. Forest Peak and Mrs. W. A. Cowart assisting.

Miss Phipps To Come

HARLINGEN — Miss Mary Jo Phipps, attending Sophia Newcomb College at New Orleans, will arrive here December 21 to spend the Christmas holidays, information Saturday said.

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Zita Still Dreams Of Hapsburg Restoration As She Royally 'Holds Court' In New England Village

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ROYALSTON, Mass. — Changing guard before the house that shelters Zita, last empress of the old Austro-Hungarian empire, is simple.

A sturdy Massachusetts state trooper drives up, says "How's it, Frank?" to another trooper, who asks how the football game came out, and drives away.

It has been so since mid-July when Zita, one-time mistress of 50,000,000 subjects, came to this peaceful New England village as a refugee.

The two blue-uniformed troopers are the only tangible symbols of the life of guarded royalty that was Zita's—crowned empress at 24, banished at 27, mother of eight children, widowed at 30.

Today, at 48, somberly dressed, she "holds court" in a square, wooden white house of the better type.

Two courtiers of the old days are with her—a countess and a count—besides seven of her eight children. To all of them, the brown-eyed, greying lady still is "Majesty." Through one of them, she makes the rare comments that can be published.

Out Of Range Now

As, for instance, when she said in her gentle voice:

"It is peaceful here. These hills and mountains remind me of the Austrian landscape. It is wonderful to hear the airplanes no longer, to light the rooms at night without prohibition, to walk in the field with nothing to fear."

To walk in the field. . . .

She does that often. Behind the home of Calvin Bullock, New York broker, where Zita is living, stretches a golf course and meadows where only the singing of bobolinks breaks the stillness.

"It is like the Wienerwald, the forests near Vienna," says Count Degenfeld, her gentleman-in-waiting.

But to Zita, the trim, farmed fields that skirt the meadows could mean something deeper.

It was in a wheat field in Hungary that she and her late husband, disguised as Russians, made



Ex-Empress Zita Of Austria
A brown-eyed, greying lady who still is "Majesty"

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a forced landing during an adventure more daring than one from a Graustarkian novel.

Exiles in Switzerland in 1921, they had heard from loyal monarchists still in Hungary that the time was ripe for a restoration. They got a plane, flew over Austria, and after the forced landing pushed on for a rendezvous with loyal Hungarians who had a troop train ready for a coup d'etat.

Venture Abandoned

But Czechs and Yugoslavs mobilized against them and bullets pinged against the locomotive in which stood the Emperor Karl and Zita. Eventually, after a battle, Karl gave up his attempted coup to prevent further bloodshed.

Before that battle, Catholic Zita and the emperor knelt on the cinders of a railroad track to hear Mass in the open air.

Today, she attends services at Immaculate Conception church in nearby Athol. She and her family occupy a front pew, and at Communion time file to the altar rail. It is on such days, when Archduke Otto, 28, the pretender to the Hapsburg throne, and Archduke Felix, 24, come up from New York, that the family is jolliest.

The girls, Archduchess Adelaide, 26, and Charlotte, 19, and Elizabeth, 17, play the piano. The younger Archdukes Charles Louis, 22, and Rudolph, 21, take their brothers on for some golf. Later, there may be dinner with mother in the pleasant dining room that looks out on Royalston's neat little elm-shaded common, white-steepled church and country store. Only Archduke Robert is absent, working in the admiralty in London.

Reunion was not always so simple.

After their attempted coup in '21, Zita and Karl were banished to Madeira while the children remained in Switzerland. When Robert, then 6, was stricken with appendicitis, Zita had to obtain permission to go to his bedside. Later, when she was allowed to bring the children to Madeira, the joy of reunion was dimmed by Karl's fatal illness. Zita had to do her own cooking, scrub floors, pinch pennies for food.

The sequel to that story must come to Zita's mind as she watches the young Archduchess Elizabeth stride gaily off in white and red-trimmed sports frock for an afternoon of tennis or boating. Elizabeth never saw her father. He died at Madeira in April, 1922, and Elizabeth was born just a month later in Spain. The family stayed in Spain until 1929 when they went to Belgium to live for ten years in a castle since destroyed by gunfire. From it they fled before the advancing Germans to America.

Hopes To Return

All the children speak German, French, Spanish, Italian, Hungarian, Czech and Croatian—schooled at Zita's orders in the many tongues of the old empire, to which Zita never has despaired of returning.

Once in 1935, she neared her objective when the Austrian government returned to the Hapsburgs most of their confiscated property. But Hitler, who now rules Austria, charges Zita with treason for having opposed anschluss with the Reich.

In a way, it is ironic that Zita, a refugee, sought haven in Royalston, because the town was named for Isaac Royal, a Tory who fled to England during the American Revolution.

Half Dozen Valley Oil Fields Booming As Eight New Producers Completed Saturday; Others To Begin Test

Only One Major Wildcat Drilling In Valley Section; Colorado Field Jim Hogg Pacing All Others

McALLEN — While the annual year-end slump was taking its toll of wildcatting in deep South Texas, a half-dozen proved fields boomed along without a lost moment, resulting in completion of eight new producers Saturday and several others ready for testing in the immediate future.

Only one major wildcat was drilling in the entire Lower Rio Grande Valley area, Pure Oil Co. No. 4 Gatewood Newberry, Share 3, Shelton Award Survey, in southeastern Cameron county. The well was drilling hard shale past 8,100 feet with no shows reported thus far. It is headed for 10,000 feet.

Neuhaus and Luckie's No. 1 D. O. Gallagher, Block 283, Pippin Subd., Share 2, Randado Grant, in western Jim Hogg county, was rigging up and will spud as soon as water and gas lines can be laid. The well is the first on a 2,000-acre block and will go to 3,700 feet.

As usual, the Colorado field in western Jim Hogg county paced all other proved areas in completions.

Sun Oil Co. No. 13 N. S. Thaxton, Survey 630, in the northeast part of the field, made 103 barrels daily on 3-16 inch tubing choke with 150 pounds tubing working pressure and 750 pounds closed-in casing pressure from sand at 2,933-43 feet.

Sun's No. 15 N. S. Thaxton, Survey 630, was drilling at 1,862 feet.

In the northern part of the field C. Andrade III No. D-4 F. G. Trevino, Survey 37, gauged 198 barrels per day on quarter-inch tubing choke from sand at 2,938-46 feet. Tubing working pressure of 300 pounds and closed-in casing pressure of 800 pounds were recorded.

On inside location near the center of the field, V. F. Neuhaus' No. C-3 F. G. Trevino, Survey 38, gauged 202 barrels in 24 hours on quarter-inch tubing choke with tubing working pressure of 320 pounds and closed-in casing pressure of 670 pounds from sand cored at 2,990-3,002 feet.

Humble Oil and Refining Co. No. 24 King Ranch-Colorado, Survey 42, in the northeast part of the field, made 128 barrels daily on 3-16 inch tubing choke with 325 pounds tubing working pressure and 700 pounds closed-in casing pressure from sand at 3,024-32 feet.

In the Sun field in northeastern Starr, Sun Oil Co. No. A-7 E. A. and N. R. Montalvo, Tract 3, Los Retaches Grant, in the northwestern part of the field, cemented 10 3-4 inch o.d. casing at 1,020 feet.

In the Kelsey field in Jim Hogg-Brooks-Starr counties, Humble Oil and Refining Co. No. 22 Kelsey-Bass, in the southwest part of San Rafael Grant, Jim Hogg county, was waiting on cement after coring the field sand at 4,747-56 feet, where the hole was bottomed in sand. Casing was cemented at 4,748 feet for the production test.

In the Rincon and North Rincon areas in eastern Starr, two new producers were completed, another recovered oil on drill stem test and a new northern edge well was started. Two new tests were under way on inside locations.

The new producers were: Continental Oil Co. No. A-18 Slick Estate, Survey 485, in the southwest part of the field, which made 190 barrels daily on 3.16 inch tubing choke with tubing working pressure of 550 pounds and closed-in casing pressure of 1,200 pounds through casing perforations at 4,060-91 feet. The hole was bottomed around 4,200 feet and 7-inch o.d. casing was set at 4,091 feet.

Continental's No. B-39 Slick Estate, Survey 266, where a major part of present production in the field is centered, gauged 125 barrels in 24 hours on 3-16 inch tubing choke through casing perforations after the hole had been bottomed and casing cemented at 4,240 feet. The well produced with 300 pounds tubing working pressure and 650 pounds closed-in casing pressure.

Continental staked locations and began skidding rigs onto the No. B-40 Slick Estate and the No. B-41 Slick Estate, both in Survey 266.

In the extreme eastern part of the field, known as the Yzaguirre sector, Complete Oil Well Service Co. No. 2 Manuel Yzaguirre, Survey 227, continued coring past 4,940 feet after completing a successful drill stem test. From sand at 4,880-91 feet, operators recovered 30 feet of mud, with some oil and gas and 700 pounds pressure in 17 minutes. The test is one location west of the Yzaguirre sector discovery, one and a half miles east of all other production in the field.

About four miles north of Rincon, in what is known as the North Rincon field and on the extreme northern fringe of the huge Rincon structure, Sun Oil Co. moved in and spudded another important semi-wildcat, the No. 1 Geo. H. Coates, in Survey 516. Operators have set and cemented 10 3-4 inch o.d. casing around 1,000 feet.

The Boyle field in southern Starr has one new producer and another running production test.

Borsodi Petroleum Co. No. 4 Juan de Dios Vela, Share 2-A, Por. 92, Camargo Jurisdiction, now an inside well, cored the field sand at 3,175-84 feet, bottomed the hole at 3,191 feet where 5 1-2 inch o.d. casing was cemented, then gun-perforated with 10 shots at 3,176-79 feet for the test. The well began cleaning under its own pressure.

Sun Oil No. 1 Juan de Dios Vela, Share 2-A, Por. 92, Camargo Jurisdiction, southernmost test in the field, was turned into the tanks as an oiler in the 3,100-foot sand. Through new casing perforations at 3,184-92 feet (40 shots), the well gauged 30 barrels daily on 7-32 inch tubing choke with 450 pounds tubing working pressure and 560 pounds closed in casing pressure.

Fidelity Oil and Gas No. D-5, E. B. Carruth et al, Share 1-A, Por. 92, Camargo Jurisdiction, just south of the discovery well, was bottomed around 3,250 feet. Drill stem test of sand reported recovered around 3,185 feet showed considerable gas but no oil in 1 minutes.

Northwest of present production in the field, Dean and Hendrickson's No. 1 M. M. Garcia, Share 215, Por. 90, Camargo Jurisdiction, was reported drilling around 2,000 feet.

About 1,000 feet south and a little east of the discovery well in Willacy county's first commercial oil field, the Willamar area, Pan-American Production Co. No. 1-B Willamar community was drilling past 550 feet.

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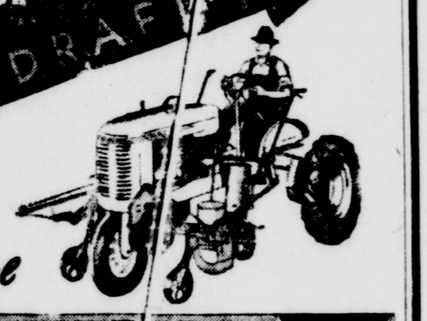
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Alice, with $161,878 pushed mighty Houston for third place. Dallas slipped into second.

Building permits for the week and for thus far during the year from various representative Texas cities include:

City	Week	Year
Austin	$411,010	$ 7,205,568
Dallas	191,827	10,107,328
Houston	163,820	21,646,130
Alice	161,878	651,248
Fort Worth	55,056	4,729,091
Corpus Christi	36,275	7,974,650
Amarillo	29,775	2,461,352
Beaumont	24,939	1,514,853
Port Arthur	16,880	1,105,544
Wichita Falls	10,175	1,303,481
Midland	7,300	792,255
Waco	6,490	2,499,947
Galveston	3,825	2,036,355
Corsicana	2,590	170,056

Lawyer Returns

R. C. Roland Spending Winter In Valley

BROWNSVILLE—R. C. Roland, Houston, who practiced law in Brownsville until early in 1937, is in Brownsville with Mrs. Roland, guests of their daughter, Mrs. E. O. Johnson.

They will spend the winter here.

Mr. Roland is recovering from a recent illness. He discontinued practice of law three years ago to enter the Baptist ministry, and has been assistant pastor of the Woodsdale Baptist church in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland held a double celebration November 26, their 47th wedding anniversary as well as Mr. Roland's birthday.

Brownsville Boy Enters Army At Camp Brownwood

BROWNSVILLE—Manuel Trevino Alonso, 21, former Brownsville high school boy student, has enlisted in the United States army, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Carmen Alonso Trevino.

The youth enlisted at Dallas where he has been for the last four months. He will go into camp at Brownwood on December 17.

GUEST FOR FIESTA

WESLACO—Mrs. J. A. Rosesteele of Hollywood, California, arrived for the Birthday Party and will be the guest of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brunton, through January.

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Witness' Account Of Rhein's Sinking Told By United States Naval Officer

KEY WEST, Fla.—(AP)—A United States naval officer's eyewitness account of the sinking of the German ship Rhein shed new light Saturday on the fate of the tanker intercepted by Dutch and British warships in the American neutrality zone.

Shells fired broadside from the British cruiser Caradoc, the officer said, sent the Rhein to the bottom after flames started by her German crew had raged for 15 hours.

The British admiralty previously reported the crew of the Dutch training ship Van Kingsbergen had put out the fire and taken the tanker as a prize of war.

The U. S. officer, who asked that his name not be used, was aboard the destroyer Maclwish, flagship of the Key West neutrality fleet.

He reported the American ship arrived on the scene in time for those on board to see the Dutch warship close behind the Rhein.

"Suddenly flames shot from forward and stern and the German ship was a blazing inferno," he continued. "Life boats were lowered and the crew abandoned ship."

The Dutch crew boarded the Rhein, he said, "but they did not remain on board long as they realized that it was impossible to extinguish the fire."

ARRIVE FOR WINTER

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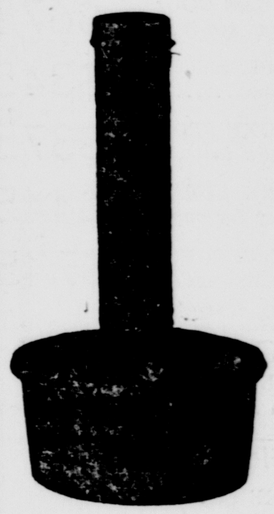
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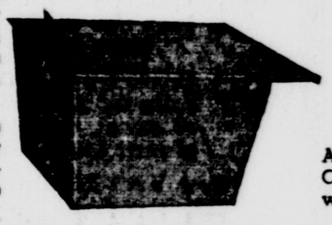


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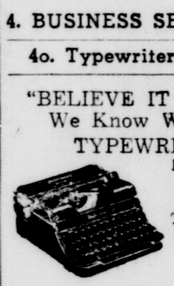
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6d. Help Wanted-Male-Fem.

TO SELL Watkins products in Pharr, Edinburg, McAllen and Mission. 220 North A Street, Harlingen.

WANTED: Men and women to sell Watkins products in Harlingen, Pharr, Edinburg, McAllen, San Benito and Mission. 222 North A street, Harlingen.

NATIONAL organization has opening for American and Latin-American salespeople to sell blankets, Bibles, silverware, bedspreads, bed linens. We cover the entire Valley and earnings are paid daily. Sell on budget plan. Apply 320 Third, Mercedes.

7. INSTRUCTIONS

7b. Schools, Colleges

XMAS BOOKS FREE
Text-books will be given FREE to all December enrollments. Don't wait until January to enroll.
DRAUGHON'S BUSINESS COLLEGE
828½ Elizabeth Phone 744
Brownsville

WOULD like to hear from reliable men we can train to overhaul, install and service air conditioning and refrigerating equipment. Must be mechanically inclined. No interference with present occupation. For interview write at once giving name, address, age. Utilities Inst., Box A-107, Star, Harlingen.

8. WORK WANTED

8a. Situations Wanted

$10.00 FOR anyone finding me a work, clerk and will accept any other work. B. A. Hemphill, Gen. Del., Weslaco.

WANT work as housekeeper in private home. Will stay nights. Della Sanders, 5 South 12th street, McAllen.

9. FINANCIAL

9a. Real Estate Loans

Loans
F. H. A. and Commercial Loans
R. N. Jones
217 Embee Bldg. Phone 414
Harlingen

F. H. A. Farm Loans
Valley-Wide
To Build,
Refinance
And Repair.
GUNN INSURANCE AGENCY
1312 Beaumont Avenue
McAllen

Of animals seen in dreams, good luck is attributed by some interpreters to ducks, cows, butterflies, horses and dogs. Cats denote bad luck and rats, serpents, and toads indicate enemies at work.

10. FOR SALE **10. FOR SALE**
10a. Household Goods **10a. Household Goods**

STOP LOOK BUY NOW

Clearance Sale

These Refrigerators Must Be Sold
SERVEL ELECTROLUX
1940 Models and Repossessed
4 4-Cu. Ft. ELECTROLUX ...$100.00 up
6 5-Cu. Ft. ELECTROLUX ...$125.00 up
3 Kerosene Electrolux Refrigerators $115 up

ELECTRIC REFRIGERATORS
1 5-Cu. Ft. STEWART-WARNER .....?
3 6-Cu. Ft. FRIGIDAIRE .....?
2 6-Cu. Ft. WESTINGHOUSE .....?

MAKE US AN OFFER. NO REASONABLE ONE REFUSED

Several Gas & Electric Ranges ....$5.00 up

FERGUSON MOTOR CO.
HARLINGEN
602 WEST JACKSON PHONE 1375

BARGAINS

Two Spinet Acrosonic Pianos
Late Model 120 Base Accordior.
One Electric Washer
One Six-Foot Frigidaire
One Air Compressor
250-Pound Capacity
TERMS IF NEEDED
COOPER PIANO COMPANY
Box 1106, McAllen, Texas

9. FINANCIAL

9b. Auto Loans

AUTOMOBILE LOANS
Refinancing
General Insurance
M. Bailey
Bennett Tire & Supply
Weslaco

$5 to $300
ON YOUR AUTO
First and Second LEIN
1 to 18 Months to Pay
Refinancing—Longer Terms
Smaller Payments
Magnolia Finance Co.
122 W. Van Buren Phone 1068
Harlingen



BLOCKER, WHITE & DABNEY
AUTO LOANS
GENERAL INSURANCE
Phone 1320 Harlingen
Over First National Bank



J. L. HEAD
Finance Company
Since 1928
Madison Hotel Bldg. Phone 433
Harlingen

9c. Personal Loans

We Have
$10,000 AVAILABLE
for CHRISTMAS LOANS
We specialize in quick loans to employed men and women, married or single.
We don't care whom you owe or what you want the money for, the loan can be arranged in just a few minutes. Call at our office or just phone 82.
Border Finance Co.
612-613 Rio Grande Bldg.
Harlingen
Rooms C and D Nelson Bldg.
Phone 1062
McAllen

10. FOR SALE

10a. Household Goods

FOR SALE: Complete furnishings for five rooms. Must be sold at once. 204 West St. Charles, Brownsville.

KITCHEN sink, gas grate heater, cabinet, windows, French and sliding doors, screens. 40 West Levee, phone 124, Brownsville.

Big Furniture Auction
Saturday, December 21, at 1 o'clock. Pavilion full of new and used furniture and household goods, some repossessed and storage goods.
Parkers Sales Yard
Harlingen

10b. Musical Goods

REGRADUATED violin in first class condition. Value $60. Will accept any reasonable offer. Border Finance Co., 209½ Main street, McAllen, phone 1062.

10c. For Sale, Misc.

CHRISTMAS turkeys, corn, milk, mash fat. Order today. I. B. Corns, phone 6017-F-3, Harlingen.

FOR SALE: Pair ladys brown riding boots. Pair ladys western boots, stitched in colors. Both medium size, almost new. Mrs. Dickson, Weslaco 912-F-2.

CHRISTMAS CARDS
Beautiful Cameo assortment
$1.00
See Our Line
BISHOP'S PRINT SHOP
1108 Elizabeth Brownsville

10e. Radio Repairs, Equip.

RADIO service: Free inspection, satisfaction guaranteed. Phil Amsler, 2123 17th street, Victoria Heights, phone 178, Brownsville.

10h. Machinery, Equipment

We Have
New and Used
TRACTOR PARTS
For All Makes and Models
At Big Savings
LEHMAN'S
Across from Sears Phone 1160

We Have
The Best In
Used Tractors
and
Equipment
John Deere Model A
John Deere Model B
and
Any Priced
Farmall You Want
Valley Implement Co.
John Deere Dealer
Phone 475 415 No. Commerce
Harlingen

10. FOR SALE

10i. Seeds, Plants, Flowers

PLANT our early bearing bred-up pecan and fruit trees now. Catalog free. Bass Pecan Company, Lumberton, Mississippi.

HARLINGEN Flower Shop has poinsettias, sweetpeas, gladiolias, chrysanthemums, roses. All kinds of plants. Phone 1052, Harlingen.

SEE C. D. Cable, for U. S. No. one seed potatoes—95c bushel f.o.b. Brownsville.

TOMATO SEED
TRY
FERRY MORSE
SEED
Distributed By
FRANK GRIMSELL
SEED CO.
Harlingen-San Benito

CERTIFIED
Tomato Seed
Stokesdale & Rutgers
F. G. Jackson
FEED STORE
119 No. Commerce Harlingen

11. LIVESTOCK

11a. Dogs, Cats, Pets

THOROUGHBRED English Pit Bull puppies. Ear and tails clipped. Inquire Hadleys Texaco Station, La Feria.

FOR SALE: Pointer bird dog, 17 months old, come see him work any afternoon. Ray Edwards, Santa Rosa.

REGISTERED Scotty puppies. An ideal Christmas present. Small deposit will hold your choice. See at 211 West Samano, Edinburg, Tex.

DOBERMAN Pinscher puppies, thoroughbred. Stanley Walker, 4½ miles north on 10th street, 1½ miles east, McAllen.

FOR SALE: "Honey Boy," thorough bred Pekinese pup. Eight weeks old. Mrs. L. J. Polk, Pharr, Texas.

WHY not give a Boston Bull terrier for Christmas? 1617 Morton street, Victoria Heights, Brownsville.

11c. Poultry, Supplies

FOR SALE: Fat turkeys. Mrs. Bert Salter, phone 6017-F-21, Stuart Place.

11e Auctions

LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Every Thursday 10:30. Livestock at this sale is selling very satisfactorily to buyers and sellers. Good demand for butcher hogs and cattle, milk cows are on the upgrade and all classes steady. Consignors get your offering in early Thursday—the buyers will be here.

PARKER'S SALES YARD
Harlingen

AUCTION
HOME & DAIRY
TOMORROW
Monday, Dec. 16th
Starting promptly at 10 a.m.
HARLINGEN
One mile North and 2 miles West
5-Room House
5 Acres including all Buildings
Complete Dairy and Equipment
100 Cattle
S. A. Ingram, Owner
Parker Auction Co.
Mgrs. & Auctioneers

12. WANTED TO BUY

12a. Miscellaneous

WANTED: Used office desk, cash register, small steel lathe. Must be bargain for cash. Postoffice box 1106, Brownsville.

WE BUY CORN
TRY
GRIMSELL
POULTRY FEEDS
DAIRY RATION
Mfg By
FRANK GRIMSELL
SEED CO.

13. LOST & FOUND

LOST—Thursday or Friday during Weslaco's Birthday Celebration. Ladies Coin Purse. Liberal reward. Box 591, Mercedes.

14. RENTALS

14a. Apartments

FURNISHED AND UNFURNISHED apartments, houses. Desirable bedrooms. Listings appreciated Mrs. J. L. Swann, phone 1169-W Harlingen.

FOR RENTAL PROPERTY see Mrs. Ethel Parker, 109 W. Van Buren, phone 1128, Harlingen.

3 ROOM FURNISHED apartments. Electric Refrigeration, linens and utilities furnished Rio Grande Courts. Harlingen.

THREE-ROOM furnished duplex, water paid, $18.00 month. 717 E. Madison, Harlingen.

APARTMENT for rent. Hot and cold water, innerspring mattress, bills paid. $4.50 weekly. 302 E. Harrison, Harlingen.

MAY-DAY efficiency apartments, attractively furnished, modern conveniences. New Frigidaire. Utilities paid. Desirable location. Phone 773, Brownsville.

AVAILABLE December 18: Furnished apartment, Frigidaire. 1349 West Elizabeth, telephone 197, Brownsville.

FIVE-ROOM furnished apartment, with garage. All conveniences. 32 Southeast Adams, phone 954, Brownsville.

14a. Apartments

TWO-ROOM apartment, furnished downstairs. Reasonable. Close in. 442 Southeast Levee, phone 578, Brownsville.

NICELY furnished apartments, moderately priced, close in. Utilities paid. Nel-Roy, phone 642. Glenwood, phone 1512, Brownsville.

APARTMENT, unfurnished, five rooms, 900 Southeast Elizabeth, block from Postoffice, $18.00. Carlos G. Watson, Brownsville.

UNIQUE apartment for two adults. Three southeast rooms, attractively furnished. Utilities paid. Phone 1615-J, Brownsville.

VERY desirable, well furnished, modern, cool, five-room apartment. Screened porch. Utilities paid. Call 964, Brownsville.

14 ....

SEVEN-ROOM cottage, modern; electric stove, hot water heater, refrigerator. Fruit for family use. Garage. Permanent. Three miles out 14th street. Also modern, five-room garage apartment. A. C. Capron, El Jardin Hotel, Brownsville.

14b. Rooms

NICE front upstairs bedroom to desirable lady. Mrs. James C. Wilson, 117 W. Pierce, phone 356 or 266, Harlingen.

14c. Houses

FOR RENT: 6-room furnished house at 722 East Pierce. Inquire at 310 South 5th, Brownsville.

UNFURNISHED 5-room house, near San Benito city limits on Harlingen highway. $16.00. Phone 114, or inquire 844 North Sam Houston, San Benito.

FIVE-ROOM unfurnished duplex, 106 North 10th street. Apply Crossland Home Appliance, 113 North A, Harlingen.

FOR RENT: Two-room unfurnished house with shower in rear. Utilities paid. 213 E. Monroe, Harlingen.

LARGE 10-room house, completely furnished, for rent. 1329 Lakeside drive, phone 460, Brownsville.

HOUSE, furnished, six rooms. $50.00. 110 Avenue A, Riverside. Carlos G. Watson, Brownsville.

FOUR-ROOM unfurnished house in Combes, Tex. Apply Crossland Home Appliance, 113 North A, Harlingen.

14d. Room and Board

ROOM AND BOARD: Bachelors' Den, good family style meals. Modern rooms, phone 1314-W, Harlingen. 513 North First.

16. REAL ESTATE

16a. Houses for Sale

1110 E. MADISON, six-room modern home. Attractive. Large yard, beautiful shrubbery, easy terms. Phone 1121 or 1097-W. Harlingen.

EXTRA SPECIAL: New 5-room, corner lot. Government loan, cheaper than rent. Phone owner, 760, Harlingen.

FOR SALE: Income property, three occupied units, $70 month income. Price $2500. Well located, $500. Will handle. See Mr. W. C. Etchison, Pharr.

FOR SALE: Have client leaving town, 3 bedroom brick house, year old. Well located. Nice yard. Trees and flowers. Furnished or unfurnished. MRS. FRIZZELL, Room 7, Nassar Bldg., McAllen, phone 424.

SACRIFICE

Attractive home adjoining Mission. Beautifully landscaped. Two acres choice fruit. Owner, phone 62, Mission.

BRICK HOUSE FOR SALE
Just completed, small brick home on 5 acres of desirable land. Water, gas & electricity. Well located. Price, $2,200.
Also 800 acres ranch land, priced to sell.
LLOYD PARKER
Olmito, Texas

For Sale
F. H. A. Houses
Brick Veneer & Frame
Finwood Heights Addition
Apply
SPENCER-SAUER
LUMBER COMPANY
418 W. Jackson Phone 71
Harlingen

Schwingel & Swope
REALTORS
Efficient Property Management, Groves, Farms, City Property, Loans, Insurance, Rentals.
6½ S. Main St., 2nd Floor
PHONE 860 McALLEN

THOMAS
Mercedes Hotel
Mercedes, Texas
Offers

43 acres with well improved home near Groveton, Trinity county, East Texas, trade.

Fully equipped picture show in small East Texas town to trade.

Small cafe on main highway in good Valley town. Cheap.

Tourist camps, fine orchards, nice city homes. See me for anything in real estate.

One of best oil and gas stations. Cheap.

16. REAL ESTATE

16a. Houses for Sale

FOR SALE or rent, furnished house, three bedrooms. Close in. Write P. O. Box 353, San Juan, Texas.

Money Talks

And How!

When it comes to purchasing a nice home or a beautiful homesite as a Christmas gift.

See us now and learn how we can help you do this.

S. C. GRAHAM & CO.
REALTORS
Phone 179 Marine Arcade Bldg.
Brownsville

The Tumble Weed

Flourish over night and withers the following day. Then the winds blow. Poor weed, she then takes the name of Tumble. So over the plains she tumbles—tumbles along. How many of us sprang up in youth, but like the tumble weed, we do not build a solid foundation, so the winds of life blow us hither and thither. Buy a house and in that house build a home that will stand the strongest gales.

Large good-as-new 6-room brick on corner lot. Paved street and driveway. Only $4250.00.

We have sold every house we have advertised except 418 West Buchanan, and folks, you are passing up a real bargain in a large 5-room brick, good-as-new. For only $3500.00. Watch this slip this column soon.

A beautiful brand new 5-room F.H.A. home on large lot. Tile drain board, tile bath, beautiful oak floors, and just think $2750.00 with only $350 cash. Balance $23.50 per month. Includes everything. Why rent?

Corner lot with two houses. $42.50 per month income. A real bargain. Also close in 6-room house.

8-room Duplex. Good income. Near school. Good location. Only $3000.00 on terms.

Just call 139
Willingham Realty
Harlingen

16c. Farms, Ranches

RANCH acreage, with water, Cameron county, for sale. Bargain. Terms. Write Owner, Box 186, Port Isabel.

WE OFFER 55-acre, 50-acre, 25-acre groves, mostly pink fruit; quality soil; on highway; with utilities; at sound investment prices. Low liquidating values. We list farms, ranches, apartments, hotels, courts, business exchange for Valley. Want good truck or tractor for Oklahoma oil land. Many other properties. See De Vaux, Donna, Tex.

17. NOTICES

17a. Announcements

WILSON Help-Ye-Self Laundry. 1 mile Combes highway. Shirts 10c. Plenty of hot, soft water.

17d. Professional Notices

DR. E. C. HERRON
D.C., Ph. D.,
—Chiropractor—
902 Beech Ave.
1 Blk. North of R. R.
4 Blks. E. of Main — McAllen

17e. Travel Opportunities

DRIVING to Dallas December 20. Can take 2 passengers. 918 E. Polk, Harlingen, phone 1511.

WANTED: 2 share expense passengers to Indianapolis, leaving 21st, returning about 1st. Inquire Hadleys Texaco Station, La Feria.

GOING to Waco 20th, returning 26th. Take 2 passengers. Call Roy Bright, 214, Harlingen, before 5th.

LEAVING for Oklahoma by way of Austin and Dallas 20th, returning 28th. Take 4 passengers. Mal Wynne, Box 774, Donna.

DRIVING to Fort Worth-Dallas December 22. Can take two passengers. Phone 6023-W-3, Brownsville.

WANTED: Passengers to Oklahoma and return for Holidays. Clowers, Palm Drive, West of Pharr, half mile.

WANTED: 2 passengers to Oklahoma for holidays. Address Clowers, Palm Drive, Pharr. Phone 1127, Harlingen.

McALLEN REYNOSA BUS LINE

McALLEN to REYNOSA	REYNOSA to McALLEN
8:30 A.M.	2:00 P.M
10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
12:00 A.M.	6:00 P.M.
	8:00 P.M.
Saturday and Sunday	11:00 P.M
7:50 A.M.	1:00 P.M
9:00 A.M.	3:00 P.M.
11:00 A.M.	5.00 P.M.
	7:00 P.M.
Saturday and Sunday	11:30 P.M

17f. Cafe and Hotels

$3.00 PER WEEK
OPEN
GUEST LAUNDRY FREE
MILNER HOTEL
13th & Levee Phone 481
Brownsville

METALS

NEW YORK—(AP)—Copper steady; electrolytic spot, Conn. Valley, 12.00; export, FAS NY, 10.25-11.50. Tin steady; spot and nearby 50.05; forward 50.10. Lead steady; spot, New York 5.50-55; East St. Louis 5.35. Zinc steady; East St. Louis spot and forward 7.25.

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DAY'S NEWS OF NATION'S MARKETS

STOCK LIST

By The Associated Press

Trade in 100	High	Low	Close
Al Chem&Dye 1	166	166	166
Am Can 6	87⅞	87⅛	87⅝
Am M&Fdy 1	12⅜	12⅜	12⅜
Am Roll Mill 5	15⅞	15¾	15¾
Am Smelt&R 9	45⅝	45	45⅛
Am T&T 9	168	167½	168
Anaconda 25	27⅜	27⅛	27⅛
A T & S F 14	17⅜	17½	17½
Aviation Corp 8	4⅞	4⅝	4⅝
Barnsdall Oil 3	8⅞	8⅝	8⅞
Bendix Aviat 4	33⅜	33⅛	33⅜
Beth Steel 14	88⅝	87⅞	88½
Borden 13	19	18⅝	18⅞
Budd Wheel 2	7⅛	7	7
Callahan Z-Lead 2	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛
Case 5	58⅜	58⅛	58⅜
Chrysler 17	77⅛	76⅝	76⅞
Colum G&El 10	4⅝	4½	4½
Consol Oil 27	5⅞	5⅝	5⅞
Cont Can 10	37½	37	37
Cont Oil Del 13	19⅞	19⅜	19⅝
Corn Prod 28	42⅞	41⅞	42⅜
Curtiss Wright 24	9⅛	8⅞	9
El Power&Lt 4	4⅛	4	4⅛
Freeport Sulph 3	37½	37	37½
Gen Elec 51	34	33⅝	33⅞
Gen Foods 12	36	35	36
Gen Mot 30	50	50⅛	50⅛
Goodrich 5	13⅜	13⅜	13⅜
Goodyear 8	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛
Gt Nor Ir Or Ct 5	16	15⅞	15⅞
Greyhound 16	11⅛	11	11
Houston Oil 1	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛
Hudson Mot 1	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛
Hupp 1	⅛	⅛	⅛
Int Harvester 7	55⅛	54⅞	54⅞
Int Hydro El A 3	1⅞	1⅝	1⅞
Johns Manville 2	61½	61½	61½
Kennecott Cop 16	35⅜	35⅛	35⅜
Loews 27	34⅛	33⅝	33⅞
Lorillard 13	18⅜	18⅛	18⅛
Marshall Field 6	16⅛	16⅛	16⅛
Mid Cont Pet 8	14⅜	14⅜	14⅜
M K T 1	⅞	⅞	⅞
Montg Ward 14	37½	37⅛	37⅛
Nash Kelvin 18	4⅞	4⅛	4⅞
Nat Biscuit 19	17⅛	17	17⅛
Nat Dairy Pr 4	13⅛	13⅛	13⅛
Nat Pow&Lt 5	7	6⅞	6⅞
North Am Co 31	17	16⅞	16⅞
Ohio Oil 19	7	6⅞	6⅞
Pac Gas&El 4	28⅛	27⅞	28⅛
Packard 22	3⅛	3⅛	3⅛
Pan Am Airways 3	15⅞	15⅝	15⅞
Penn Rr 24	22⅝	22⅜	22⅜
Pet Corp 21	6⅝	6	6
Phelps Dodge 13	34⅛	34	34⅛
Phillips Pet 16	41½	31	41½
Pure Oil 11	8⅜	8⅛	8⅛
R C A 18	4⅞	4⅞	4⅞
Seaboard Oil 6	13	13	13
Sears Roebuck 7	78	77⅜	77⅞
Shell Union Oil 8	11⅛	11⅛	11
Simmons 2	20¼	20¼	20¼
Socony Vac 47	8½	8⅜	8½
Sou Pac 20	8⅛	8	8
Stand Brands 9	6½	6⅜	6⅜
S O Cal 22	18⅞	18⅝	18⅝
S O Ind 9	26⅛	26	26
S O NJ 39	33⅝	33⅜	33½
Stone&Webs 8	8	7⅞	7⅞
Studebaker 5	8¼	8	8
[illegible] 24	40	[illegible]	40
Tex Pac C&O 7	6	5⅞	5⅞
Tex Pac L Tr 1	4⅜	4⅜	4⅜
Tide Wat A Oil 4	9⅜	9½	9⅜
Trans&Wst Air 1	17½	17½	17½
Union Carbide 12	71⅞	71¼	71¼
Union Oil Cal 6	12⅝	12½	12⅝
United Aircraft 6	43⅞	43⅜	43⅜
United Carbon 2	47⅞	47¾	47⅞
United Corp 18	1⅜	1¼	1¼
United Gas Im 27	9⅞	9⅜	9⅝
U S Rubber 9	23⅞	23⅜	23⅝
U S Steel 66	70⅜	69⅜	69⅞
Warner Bros 44	3⅜	3⅜	3⅜
W U Tel 6	21	21	21
West El&Mfg 5	103⅞	103⅜	103⅝
White Mot 16	16⅜	16	16
Woolworth 10	32½	32⅛	32½

STOCKS IN SPOTLIGHT

NEW YORK—(AP)—Sales, closing price and net change of the fifteen most active stocks Saturday:

Seaboard Air 27,600	⅛	—	1-16
U S Steel 6,600	69¾	—	1
NY Chi & St Pf 6,500	31⅜	—	⅜
Radio-Keith-O 6,400	3⅛	+	¼
Comwlth & Sou 5,700	¾	No	
Warner Bros. 5,300	3⅛	No	
Gen Elec 5,100	33⅞	+	⅛
Int Tel & Tel 4,900	23⅜	+	⅛
Socony Vac 4,700	8⅛	No	
Cons Edison 4,200	22⅞	+	⅛
Hayes Mfg 4,100	31⅜	+	⅛
Stand Oil NJ 3,900	33½	+	⅛
Jones & Lau Stl Pf 3,500	106	—	3½
Int Nickel 3,300	24⅛	+	⅛
Schenley Dist 3,000	11⅜	—	⅛

NEW YORK BONDS

Foreign

Australia	4½	56	51
French	7½	41	74
Ger Govt	7S	49	143⅜
Italy	7S	1951	46⅜

Domestic

Alleghany	5S	50	62
Am Ig	5½	49	104½
Am T & T	5½	43	104¼
AT & SF	4S	95	109
B & O Cv	4½S	60	13
Can Pac	4S	perp	51
CB & Q	4½	77	72¼
Chi Gt West	4	50	29½
C M & STP	4S	89	31¾
C & NW	4S	87	16½
Cri & P	4½	52A	6⅝
Ill Cen	4¾	66	37
KC South	5	50	70
M K T	5S	62	12⅜
NY NH & H	4½	67	20⅛
Nor Pac	6S	2047	65¼
Penn RR	3¼	52	91⅛
St. Louis SF	4½	78	9⅞
Sou Pac	4½	68	40⅛
South Ry	4S	56	59
SW Bell Tel	3½	64	109½
Tex & Pac	5	80D	63
West Union	5S	51	78¾

NEW YORK CURB

Am Cyan B	35½	35½	35½
Am Gas & El	30⅞	30⅜	30⅜
Ark Nat Gas A	2	2	2
Bath Iron Wks	22¾	22¼	22¼
Bell Aire	21½	20⅜	21½
Brewst Aero	11⅜	11¼	11⅜
Cities Service	5½	5⅜	5½
Crocker-Wh El M	6	5⅞	6
Eagle Pich	10¼	10¼	10¼
El Bond & Sh	4⅛	4	4⅛
Gulf Oil	32	31¼	31¼
Humble Oil	63¾	63½	63¾
Lone Star Gas	9⅛	9⅛	9⅛
Nisg Hud Pow	3⅛	3⅛	3⅛
Todd Shipyds	85	84¾	85
Unit Gas	33⅛	33⅛	33⅛

CASH GRAINS

CHICAGO—(AP)—Cash wheat No. 1 hard 91; No. 1 mixed 91.

Corn No. 4 mixed 58½; No. 2 yellow 61½-62¼; No. 3 59¾-61½; No. 4, 58¾-59¼; No. 3 white 65.

Oats sample mixed 32; No. 1 white 40-40¼; No. 3, 38; No. 4, 37; sample 34; No. 1 mixed heavy 39¼; No. 2 red extra heavy 38¾.

19. LEGAL NOTICES

Collection District No. 23. Office of the Collector of Customs. Laredo, Texas. December 15, 1940. Pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 607 T. A. 1930, Notice is hereby given that there were seized in the vicinity of Brownsville, Texas, on November 11, 1940, one 1940 model Plymouth Pick-up Truck, Motor No. PT10512042, Lic. No. 28-633, with 6 parrots and 31 parrakeets, for violation of the Customs laws and Sec. 3062 Revised Statutes. Any person desiring to claim the above described vehicle or birds must appear and file with the undersigned a claim to such property and a bond in the sum of $250 within 20 days from the date of first publication of this notice, in default of which the property will be declared forfeited and disposed of in accordance with the law. The parrots and parrakeets have been delivered to the U. S. Public Health Service for disposition. Harry P. Hornby, Collector of Customs.

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MARKETS AT A GLANCE

NEW YORK—(AP)—

Stocks—irregular; selected issues in demand.

Bonds—steady; low-priced rails favored.

Foreign Exchange—narrow; Shanghai dollar slips.

Cotton—steady; mill support.

Sugar—mixed; domestic futures ease under Cuban selling.

Metals—quiet; prices nominally unchanged.

Wool Tops—even; light trade covering.

CHICAGO—

Wheat—steady to weak; bearish Argentine crop estimate.

Corn—lower; lower spot prices.

Cattle—steady.

Hogs—steady; nothing choice on sale.

By FREDERICK GARDNER

NEW YORK—(AP)—The stock market Saturday ended a fairly steady week with a slight limp.

While an assortment of specialties and senior issues exhibited individual strength, many leaders slipped a notch or two and closing prices were irregularly lower.

Traders apparently found little inspiration in the war news but the fairly optimistic business picture, including actual and prospective dividends and pleasing earnings statements, brought in selective bidding. Some speculative contingents, however, inclined to even up accounts in order to be on the safe side in the event of possible happenings over the week-end.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks was off 1 of a point at 44.2 but on the week was up as much. Transfers totalled 390,380 shares.

U. S. Steel lost a point and Youngstown Sheet ⅝, while Bethlehem finished with a gain of ½.

Among losers were Chrysler, U. S. Rubber, Sears Roebuck, Boeing, Anaconda, Westinghouse, Union Carbide, North American, N. Y. Central and Standard Oil of N. J.

Emerging with modest improvement were American Telephone, General Motors, Kennecott, American Can, Loew's, International Telephone, United Aircraft and Texas Corp.

LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO—(AP)—(U.S.D.A.)—Salable hogs 1,000; total 11,000; steady; market on all available supplies; nothing offered of value to command top prices; few small lots 220-260 lbs butchers 6.20; some low grade underweights 5.75; load around 425 lbs packing sows 5.25; quotable top around 6.35 for strictly choice barrows and gilts if available; shippers took none; holdover 500; compared week ago good and choice barrows and gilts 180-270 lbs 10-20 higher; weights under 200 lbs up most; heavier butchers steady to 5 higher; packing sows 5-10 off.

Salable cattle 200; calves 100; compared Friday last week: strictly choice and prime steers and yearlings steady; all others 25 lower, with medium to good weighty steers 25-50 off; shortfed steers with weight predominated in run but, after selling off sharply early in week, these as well as moderate supply choice and prime cattle closed measurably higher than week's low time; few fed steers and yearlings above 14.00 and 13.50 respectively; extreme top price light steers 15.10; modest supply 14.00-15.00; best yearlings 14.25; heifer yearlings 12.00; very sizable supply medium to good shortfed steers and yearlings 8.50-12.50; with common kinds 7.25-8.00; heifers steady to 25 lower; bulk crop 10.75 down to 8.50; cows closed active, especially on cutters and common beef cows selling at 5.75 down; sausage bulls strong at 7.35 down, but vealers 50 lower, mostly 10.00 down, very few choice heavies at 10.50.

Salable sheep none; total 700; compared Friday last week: fat lambs weak to 25 lower, mostly 15-25 off; sheep about steady; feeding lambs steady to strong; top 9.60 on load choice 80 lbs fed western lambs to shippers, bulk good to choice fed westerns and natives 100 lbs down 9.25-9.50, mostly 9.25-9.35 late, heavy lambs averaging 103-111 lbs 9.00-9.25, few down to 8.75 late; summer shorn fed lambs 8.50-8.85, recently shorn 7.90-8.15; yearlings 7.50-8.50; slaughter ewes 2.50-4.50; two loads 71 lbs comeback feeder lambs 9.40 lightly sorted, few medium feeders 8.65-8.85; late Friday fat lambs steady to 25 lower, mostly 15 off; top 9.60 on load choice 80 lbs fed westerns to shippers; bulk good to choice 100 lbs down 9.25-9.35.

TEXAS LIVESTOCK

FORT WORTH—(AP)—(U.S.D.A.)—Cattle salable 400; total 500; calves salable 150; total 500; market: Saturday's trade nominal; compared close last week: mature beef steers 15-25c lower, yearlings 25-50c lower; cows and bulls steady to 15c off; slaughter calves 25-50c higher, and stockers strong; top beef steers 10.50; few yearlings upward to 12.00; best heifers 10.25; top cows 6.75; bulls up to 8.00; practical top killing calves 9.00; stock steer calves up to 10.25; stock heifer calves 9.00; feeder yearlings 9.75; stock cows 6.50.

Hogs salable 500; total 2,000; around steady with Friday's average; top 6.40; paid by all interests for good and choice 190-300 lbs averages; good 150 lbs weights down to 5.50; several lots of medium grade pigs 4.50 down; packing sows steady, 5.25-5.50; compared with week ago, good butchers 30c higher.

Sheep salable and total 250; Saturday's trade nominal; compared with last week's close: all classes steady; bulk medium to good fat lambs 8.00-8.50; most good wooled yearlings 7.50; top 7.75; shorn and fall shorn yearlings 6.25-6.50; wooled 2-year old wethers 6.50 down; wooled aged wethers 4.50-5.00; shorn aged wethers 3.50-4.00; wooled ewes 3.75 down; feeder lambs 6.00-7.50.

KANSAS CITY LIVESTOCK

KANSAS CITY—(AP)—(U.S.D.A.)—Hogs salable and total 50; not enough to test values; market nominally steady; for week: light butchers mostly 10 higher; spots up more; packing sows strong, late practical top 5.85.

Cattle, salable 100, total 250; calves salable 25, total 50; for week: fed steers and yearlings steady to 25 lower; full decline on short fed; good to choice heifers 25 to 50 lower; other she stock mostly 25 lower; vealers steady to 50 lower; stockers and feeders steady to 25 lower; week's tops: choice to prime 1028 lb yearling steers 14.10; choice heavy steers 13.25; choice heifers 11.95; vealers 10.50; fleshy heavy feeders 10.60; best stock steer calves 10.75; bulk medium to good fed steers 8.25-11.50; bulk stockers and feeders 7.25-10.00.

Sheep none; for week: lambs 25 to 40 lower; sheep and yearlings weak; week's top fed lambs and shipments from Kansas wheat pastures 9.00; numerous shipments late 8.75-9.00; closing sales natives down from 8.60; fed yearlings mostly 7.50-8.00; shorn 6.50-65; odd lots slaughter ewes 4.25; most sales 3.50-4.10.

OKLAHOMA LIVESTOCK

OKLAHOMA CITY—(AP)—(U.S.D.A.)—Cattle, salable and total 50; calves 25; for the week: beef steers and yearlings steady to weak; heifers barely steady; other killing classes mostly steady to strong; cows, canners and cutters strong to 25 higher; feeders and calves firm; stockers closed for the week slow and weak; week's prices: top steers 10.00; most medium and good steers and yearlings 8.25-10.25; plain quality and medium grade fed steers 7.25-8.25; common light weight down to 6.25; small lots fed heifers and mixed yearlings 8.25-10.00; most beef cows 5.25-6.50; small lots 7.00-7.25; canners and cutters largely 3.50-5.00; bulls 5.25-6.25; vealer top 10.00; stockers mostly 6.00-9.00.

Hogs salable 100; total 2,300; not enough to make market; odd head butchers steady; shippers paid up to 6.10; for the week: barrows and gilts 25-35 higher; packing sows little changed; extreme top 6.20; paid by shippers; packer peak 6.00; packing sows 5.25-5.50; stags up to 5.00.

Sheep salable and total 50; for the week fat lambs around 25 lower; closing top 8.40 on carlot westerns; medium 8.25 and down; most good and choice medium 8.00-8.25; clipped lambs quoted around 7.00-7.25; yearlings 6.50-7.00; fat ewes 2.50-3.50.

CHICAGO GRAIN

CHICAGO—(AP)—Buyers were after December wheat in moderate quantities Saturday to even up accounts or acquire deliverable contracts but deferred options weakened due to forecast of a large Argentine crop, bearish international trade statistics and private reports of increased country sales in some areas.

Wheat closed unchanged to ⅜ lower compared with Friday, December 89¾-89, May 85⅜-¼, July 80¼-80; corn ¼-¾ down, December and May 59¼-⅜, oats ⅛-⅛ down.

CITRUS MARKET

VALLEY CARLOT SHIPMENTS BY RAIL FOR FRIDAY

Grapefruit 48, Oranges 12, Mixed Citrus 9, Cabbage 3, Carrots 2, Endive 2, Parsley 2, Peas 4, Tomatoes 1, Mixed Vegetables 43, total 124 cars.

Totals by Rail and Boat to Date This Season: Grapefruit 3210, Oranges 357, Mixed Citrus 301, Tangerines 3, Lemons 3, Mixed Fruit and Vegetables 9, Beans 1, Beets 80, Beets and Carrots 18, Cabbage 19, Carrots 23, Dandelion 2, Eggplant 2, Endive 3, Greens 3, Parsley 13, Peas 16, Peppers 98, Radishes 29, Squash 2, Spinach 16, Tomatoes 244, Mixed Vegetables 663, total 5093.

To the Same Date Last Season: Citrus Fruits 4784, Vegetables 1280, Mixed Fruit and Vegetables 38, total 6102 cars.

VALLEY TRUCK CITRUS MOVEMENT FOR FRIDAY
(169 Trucks)

Grapefruit: 80 lb Boxes 14420, ½ Boxes 106, ¼ Boxes 78, 80 lb Sacks 6757, 60 lb Sacks 158, 40 lb Sacks 61, Bushels 835, ½ Bushels 225.

Oranges: 80 lb Boxes 11889, 80 lb Boxes 10, ½ Boxes 118, ¼ Boxes 78, Bushels 1134, ½ Bushels 217, 80 lb Sacks 448, 50 lb Sacks 2022, 40 lb Sacks 941, 10 lbs 901.

Tangerines: 80 lb Boxes 30, 50 lb Boxes 48, ½ Boxes 199, ¼ Boxes 30, Bushels 773, ½ Bushels 1187, 10 lb Sacks 13.

Carlot Equiv Dec. 13: Grapefruit 84.9, Oranges 37.6, Tangerines 2.5, total 95.0 cars.

To Date This Season: Grapefruit 3156.4, Oranges 1754.6, Tangerines 44.7, total 4955.7.

To Date Last Season: Grapefruit 2036.0, Oranges 1454.6, Tangerines 46.6, total 3537.2.

AVERAGE AUCTION PRICES OF GRAPEFRUIT SOLD AND UNREPORTED FRIDAY

DETROIT: Texas Marsh 354 Boxes Gen Avg 1.95, High 2.03, Low 1.90.

Texas White 105 wire Boxes Gen Avg 1.77, High 1.90, Low 1.75.

Texas Marsh Pink 118 Boxes Gen Avg 2.28, High 2.32, Low 2.08.

Texas Foster Pinks 313 Boxes Gen Avg 1.67, Range 1.30 to 1.70.

CLEVELAND: Texas Marsh 437 Boxes Gen Avg 1.90, High 1.99, Low 1.85.

Texas Marsh Pink 167 Boxes Gen Avg 2.47, High 2.48, Low 2.46.

Texas Foster Pink 400 Boxes Gen Avg 1.87, Range 1.65 to 2.40.

NEW YORK: Texas Marsh 175 Boxes Gen Avg 1.31, High 1.35, Low 1.30.

Texas Pinks 1370 Boxes Gen Avg 1.85, High 2.04, Low 1.59.

Fla Marsh 3115 Boxes Gen Avg 1.79, High 2.07, Low 1.62.

Fla Marsh 255 wire Boxes Gen Avg 1.45, High 1.60, Low 1.40.

Fla Other 2110 Boxes Gen Avg 1.83, High 2.42, Low 1.41.

Fla Marsh Pink 280 Boxes Gen Avg 2.02, High 2.22, Low 1.86.

AVERAGE AUCTION PRICES OF TEXAS ORANGES SOLD AND UNREPORTED FRIDAY

ST. LOUIS: Texas Oranges 947 Boxes Gen Avg 1.80, High 1.90, Low 1.73.

FLORIDA TRUCK CITRUS MOVEMENT REPORTED FOR FRIDAY

Carlot Equiv Dec. 13: Grapefruit 20, Oranges 143, Tangerines 23, total 186 cars.

To Date This Season: Grapefruit 1023, Oranges 3608, Tangerines 370, total 5001 cars.

To Date Last Season: Grapefruit 1086, Oranges 3947, Tangerines 534, total 5567 cars.

CARLOT SHIPMENTS FROM OTHER TEXAS DISTRICTS FOR FRIDAY

Laredo Dist: Mixed Vegetables 2, total 2 cars.

Coastal Bend: Mixed Vegetables 3, total 3 cars.

Spinach Shipments by Districts: Eagle Pass 8, Winter Garden 4, Coastal Bend 5, total exas 17 cars.

F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION REPORTED FOR FRIDAY

Crystal City, Eagle Pass and Nearby South Texas Points:

Spinach: Haulings light. Demand fair, market slightly stronger. Carloads f.o.b. cash track: bushel baskets, Savoy type, few sales, 40-45c.

Belle Glade, Florida—Lake Okeechobee Section:

Snap Beans: Haulings light. Demand slow, market weaker. Carloads f.o.b. cash track and truckloads cash at packing houses: bushel hampers, 2 Nantuffils, too few sales to quote; Stringless Black Valentines $1.00-1.25; Tendergreens 80-90c; fair quality 75c; Limas $2.25-2.50.

Green Peas: Haulings very light. Demand light, market about steady. Carloads f.o.b. cash track and truckloads cash at packing houses: bushel hampers $1.85-2.00.

COTTON

COTTON FUTURES

NEW YORK—(AP)—Cotton futures closed 1 to 2 points lower.

	High	Low	Last
January	....	....	10.06N
March	10.22	10.17

Screen Calendar

NEWS OF LATEST MOTION PICTURES

Current Films



The First Lady of the Screen, Bette Davis, is seen with Herbert Marshall in Somerset Maugham's "The Letter" which is showing Sunday and Monday at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen, the Ritz Theatre in Weslaco and the Palace Theatre in McAllen. Featured parts are played by James Stephenson and Gale Sondergaard.



Robert Taylor and Norma Shearer share co-starring honors in the screen adaptation of Ethel Vance's best-seller "Escape" which is currently showing Sunday and Monday at the Rivoli Theatre in San Benito. The supporting cast is headed by Bonita Granville, Philip Dorn and Nazimova.



Judy Garland is seen above surrounded by three of the screen's most famous song and dance specialists, Douglas McPhail, George Murphy and Charles Winninger, as they appear in leading roles of the filmization of George M. Cohan's merry musical "Little Nellie Kelly," which is scheduled for showing Sunday and Monday at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville and Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen.

VALLEY SCREEN CALENDAR

CAPITOL THEATRE, BROWNSVILLE

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Judy Garland, George Murphy and Charles Winninger in "Little Nellie Kelly" with Douglas McPhail and Rita Page.
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: George Brent and Brenda Marshall in "South Of Suez" with George Tobias and Lee Patrick.
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Graucho, Chico and Harpo Marx in "Marx Brothers Go West" with John Carroll and Diana Lewis.

QUEEN THEATRE, BROWNSVILLE

SUNDAY ONLY: Johnny Downs and Ruth Terry in "Sing, Dance, Plenty Hot."
MONDAY, TUESDAY: Bette Davis and Charles Boyer in "All This And Heaven Too" with Jeffrey Lynn and Virginia Weidler.
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Akim Tamiroff and Gladys George in "The Way Of All Flesh" with William Henry.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Johnny Mack Brown as "Ragtime Cowboy Joe" with Fuzzy Knight, Nell O'Day and the Texas Rangers.

RIVOLI THEATRE, SAN BENITO

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Norma Shearer and Robert Taylor in Ethel Vance's "Escape" with Nazimova, Phillip Dorn and Bonita Granville.
TUESDAY ONLY: Robert Paige and Grace MacDonald in "Dancing On A Dime."
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Dick Powell and Ellen Drew in "Christmas In July" with Raymond Walburn and William Demarest.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Nancy Kelly, Allan Jones, Peggy Moran and Robert Cummings in Jerome Kern's "One Night In The Tropics" with Leo Carillo.

ARCADIA THEATRE, HARLINGEN

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Bette Davis in Somerset Maugham's "The Letter" with Herbert Marshall, James Stephenson and Gale Sondergaard.
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: Lionel Barrymore, Lew Ayres and Laraine Day in "Dr. Kildare's Crisis" with Robert Young and Nat Pendleton.
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Judy Garland, George Murphy and Charles Winninger in "Little Nellie Kelly" with Douglas McPhail and Rita Page.

RIALTO THEATRE, HARLINGEN

SUNDAY ONLY: Anita Louise, June McCloy and Roger Pryor in "Glamour For Sale" with Frances Robinson.
MONDAY, TUESDAY: John Hubbard and Wendy Barrie in "Who Killed Aunt Maggie?" with Joyce Compton, Edgar Kennedy and Elizabeth Patterson.
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Wayne Morris and Virginia Dale in "The Quarterback" with William Frawley, Alan Mowbray and Lillian Cornell.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY: The Three Mesquiteers in "Under Texas Skies" with Bob Livingston, Rufe Davis, Bob Steele and Lois Ranson.

STRAND THEATRE, HARLINGEN

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Myrna Loy and Melvyn Douglas in "Third Finger, Left Hand."
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: Cary Grant and Martha Scott in "The Howards Of Virginia" with Richard Carlson.
THURSDAY, FRIDAY: The Ritz Brothers and the Andrews Sisters in "Argentine Nights" with Constance Moore and George Reeves.
SATURDAY ONLY: 'Aventurero Del Mar' (Spanish Language Film).

STATE THEATRE, MERCEDES

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Alice Faye, Jack Oakie, Betty Grable and John Payne in "Tin Pan Alley" with Allen Jenkins.
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: John Wayne and Thomas Mitchell in John Ford's production of Eugene O'Neill's "The Long Voyage Home" with Ian Hunter.
THURSDAY ONLY: Frank Morgan and Virginia Grey in "Hullabaloo" with Billie Burke, Donald Meek and Ann Morriss.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Tyrone Power and Linda Darnell in "The Mark Of Zorro" with Basil Rathbone and J. Edward Romberg.

REX THEATRE, MERCEDES

SUNDAY ONLY: Cesar Romero and Chris-Pin Martin in "The Gay Caballero."
MONDAY, TUESDAY: Martha Raye and Charlie Ruggles in "The Farmer's Daughter."
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Jeffrey Lynn and Brenda Marshall in "Money and The Woman."
FRIDAY, SATURDAY: William Boyd as Hopalong Cassidy in "Three Men From Texas."

RITZ THEATRE, WESLACO

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Bette Davis in Somerset Maugham's "The Letter" with Herbert Marshall and James Stephenson.
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: Marlene Dietrich and John Wayne in "Seven Sinners" with Broderick Crawford, Mischa Auer and Billie Gilbert.
THURSDAY, FRIDAY: John Wayne and Thomas Mitchell in John Ford's production of Eugene O'Neill's "The Long Voyage Home" with Ian Hunter.
SATURDAY ONLY: Frank Morgan and Virginia Grey in "Hullabaloo" with Donald Meek.

GEM THEATRE, WESLACO

SUNDAY ONLY: Cesar Romero as the "Cisco Kid in "The Gay Caballero."
MONDAY, TUESDAY: Jeffrey Lynn and Brenda Marshall in "Money and The Woman."
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Richard Dix and Chester Morris in "The Marines Fly High" with Lucille Ball.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Charles Starrett in "The Thundering Frontier."

PALACE THEATRE, McALLEN

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Bette Davis in Somerset Maugham's "The Letter" with Herbert Marshall, James Stephenson and Gale Sondergaard.
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: Lucille Ball and Richard Carlson in George Abbott's "Too Many Girls" with Frances Langford and Hal LeRoy.
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Marlene Dietrich and John Wayne in "Seven Sinners" with Mischa Auer, Billy Gilbert and Broderick Crawford.

QUEEN THEATRE, McALLEN

SUNDAY ONLY: Henry Wilcoxson and Carol Landis in "Mystery Sea Raider."
MONDAY, TUESDAY: Warner Baxter and Andrea Leeds in "Earthbound."
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Charles Laughton, Clark Gable and Franchot Tone in "Mutiny On The Bounty" with Eddie Quillan and Mamo Clark.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Roy Rogers and Jacqueline Wells in "Young Bill Hickok" with George "Gabby" Hayes.

Current Films

JUDY GARLAND is seen in her first solo starring picture, "Little Nellie Kelly," showing Sunday and Monday at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville and at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Stepping temporarily out of 'kid' roles, Miss Garland becomes a grown-up and adds new glory to her acting and singing fame. Teamed with her for histrionic honors are George Murphy and Charles Winninger, with an excellent supporting cast.

The story, based on George M. Cohan's famous play, deals with a young Irish girl who marries against the wishes of her father, who vows that he will never, so long as he lives, speak to her husband. He keeps his word in spite of the fact that he, along with the other two, comes to America to live. In America the daughter dies, leaving behind her an infant named Nellie. As the child grows older she is torn between love for her father and love for her grandfather. In the end the two men are reconciled through her efforts.

Miss Garland portrays both roles, enacting first the young Irish mother, and later the thoroughly Americanized daughter. The songs she sings include "It's a Great Day for the Irish," "Pretty Girl Milking Her Cow," and the more modern "Singin' in the Rain."

BETTE DAVIS APPEARS IN NEW DRAMA

BETTE DAVIS is starred in the picturization of W. Somerset Maugham's greatest drama "The Letter," which is booked for current showing Sunday and Monday at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen; the Ritz Theatre in Weslaco and the Palace Theatre in McAllen.

Gripping, in the best Maugham style, the play made record runs on Broadway and on the legitimate stage throughout the world. Its powerful drama, smoothly drawn by its writer and scenarists, make a perfect vehicle for the rare talents of Miss Davis.

The featured supporting cast to Miss Davis in "The Letter" includes Herbert Marshall, Gale Sondergaard and James Stephenson.

POPULAR STARS SEEN IN NEW FILM HIT

THE SCREEN presentation of Ethel Vance's thrilling novel "Escape," starring Norma Shearer and Robert Taylor is to be seen Sunday and Monday at the Rivoli Theatre in San Benito.

The story concerns the frantic efforts of an American son to rescue his foreign born mother from a concentration camp in Germany. The screen adaptation preserves the dramatic pace of the original novel and in addition presents Taylor and Miss Shearer in performances that match in persuasive perfection and power any of their previous portrayals.

The central character, "Emmy Ritter," around whose prison predicament complications arise, is played by Nazimova with Conrad Veidt, Felix Bressart and Albert Bassermann in featured supporting roles.

"TIN PAN ALLEY" SEEN AT STATE THEATRE

AN OUTSTANDING cast of star entertainers headed by Alice Faye and Betty Grable are seen together in the spectacular musical hit "Tin Pan Alley," booked for current showing Sunday and Monday at the State Theatre in Mercedes.

Around the famous musical street in New York where most of America's hit tunes are born revolves the story of a couple of singing sisters who are part of the struggle as the street fights its way to fame in the days before World War I.

Top support in the musical film is given its blonde stars by Jack Oakie, John Payne, Allen Jenkins, Esther Ralston, Katherine Aldridge and others in the cast.

Valley Theatres Offer Christmas Gift Books

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With the Christmas shopping season in full swing, Interstate Theatres in the Valley come through with a novel idea for Christmas gift suggestions that promise to solve many problems for perplexed shoppers. It is the new Theatre Gift Book now on sale at box offices of Valley Interstate Theatres.

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In other places where the Theatre Gift Books have been sold in past years they have been received enthusiastically by dpartment stores, industrial plants and hotels whose executives were in a quandary as to what to give their employees for Christmas. They have also been found to be the ideal gift for children.

ADVENTURE FILM

George Brent is co-starred with lovely Brenda Marshall in "South Of Suez" which is booked for showing Tuesday nd Wednesday at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville.

MARX BROTHERS RETURN

Groucho, Chico and Harpo Marx return to the screen with another of their laugh-laden comedy-dramas, "Go West" which is scheduled for showing Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville.

DIETRICH IN HIT PICTURE

John Wayne, Mischa Auer Featured

Starring Marlene Dietrich and featuring John Wayne, Mischa Auer, Billy Gilbert, Broderick Crawford and Albert Dekker "Seven Sinners" is scheduled for showing Tuesday and Wednesday at the Ritz Theatre in Weslaco and Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Palace Theatre in McAllen.

As a lovely cafe singer who goes laughingly from one tropical island to another, leaving romantic trouble in her wake, Miss Dietrich essays the type of role that has made her one of the all-time stars of the screen.

Wayne is seen as a young naval officer attached to an American island base, and the course of his infatuation for the beautiful and mysterious entertainer brings the story to its dramatic climax.

The film was produced by the Wizard of Universal, Joe Pasternak, who has produced all the Deanna Durbin films and the hit "Destry Rides Again," and directed by ace director, Tay Garnett.

Stage Play To Screen

Cramming an hour and a half of gay entertainment into it's bubbling length "Too Many Girls" presents movie-goers a streamlined screen version of George Abbott's famed Broadway hit of the same title at the Palace Theatre in McAllen Tuesday and Wednesday.

Lucille Ball and Richard Carlson play the leading roles and Frances Langford, Ann Miller, Hal LeRoy, Eddie Bracken and Desi Arnaz are featured in supporting roles.

Comedy At Rivoli

Dick Powell and Ellen Drew are co-starred in the comedy film "Christmas in July" which is scheduled for showing Wednesday and Thursday at the Rivoli Theatre in San Benito.

"Christmas in July" is another uproarious comedy from the production unit of Preston Sturges who amazed the entertainment world with "The Great McGinty." Featured parts are played by Raymond Walburn, Ernest Truex, Lucille Ward and William Demarest.

New Kildare Film To Be Screened

With Robert Young as guest star with Lew Ayres, Lionel Barrymore and Laraine Day, "Dr. Kildare's Crisis" brings a dramatic new addition to the popular medical-mystery series and is showing Tuesday and Wednesday at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen.

Mystery At Rialto

John Hubbard, Wendy Barrie and Edgar Kennedy are starred in the leading roles of the thrill-paced mystery story "Who Killed Aunt Maggie?" which is scheduled for showing Monday and Tuesday at the Rialto Theatre in Harlingen. Featured parts are played by Onslow Stevens, Joyce Compton, Walter Abel, Mona Barrie and Willie Best.

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SHEILA RYAN

QUEEN BROWNSVILLE
SUNDAY ONLY
JOHNNY DOWNS
IN
"SING, DANCE, PLENTY HOT"
WITH
RUTH TERRY

RIALTO HARLINGEN
SUNDAY ONLY
ANITA LOUISE
IN
"GLAMOUR FOR SALE"
WITH
ROGER PRYOR

STRAND HARLINGEN
SUNDAY—MONDAY
MELVYN DOUGLAS
IN
"THIRD FINGER, LEFT HAND"
WITH
MYRNA LOY

QUEEN McALLEN
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ARCADIA HARLINGEN
SUNDAY — MONDAY
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Bette Davis
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W. SOMERSET MAUGHAM'S
"THE LETTER"
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British Forces Invade Libya, Following Fleeing Foes

ITALIAN ARMY BADLY BROKEN CLAIM BRITISH

Egypt About Cleared Of Duce's Men

By The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — The Italian African army, broken into bits, harassed by unending air attack and declared here to have been effectively driven from Egypt, fought "on and about" its own colonial frontier of Libya Saturday night in an action that had become a defense of Fascist soil.

The term "on and about" was used by the British command itself in an official communique which did not add the obvious implication the apparent purpose of trying to destroy the entire Fascist force.

Libya Invaded

While no military authority would discuss future British plans, it was indicated that at some points fighting already was going on within Libya.

One informant pointed out that the question of supplies and particularly water was a dominant one and said that a continuation of the British offensive probably would involve an effort to try to restrict the fighting generally to the hill regions beyond the Libyan borders.

An aspect of the future situation, he declared, was that the Italians would be seriously hampered by the loss of huge amounts of equipment, which British control of the Mediterranean would make exceedingly difficult of replacement.

The action in Egypt itself, as summarized by general headquarters, was simply one of "clearance" —a process of rounding up the stray Fascist units still in the country.

Defeat Called "Rout"

The Italian defeat was called a "Rout" by the British command.

As always, there was no definite figure as to the number of prison-

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SABOTAGE LAW CHANGE ASKED

Officials Powerless Now, Says Chief

WASHINGTON— (AP) —Attorney General Jackson said Saturday the federal government was powerless under existing laws to act against sabotage on airplanes being manufactured for foreign governments or private industry.

In a letter to Representative Voorhis (D-Calif) of the Dies committee on un-American activities, Jackson referred to assertions by the committee that six acts of sabotage had been committed on an airplane manufactured for the British government at an unnamed Pacific Coast plant.

New Law Slated

Voorhis said Saturday night he hoped to introduce legislation within the next few days to correct the situation mentioned by the attorney general. He said the legislation probably would be the mere insertion of language into the defense act to extend to the FBI power to investigate sabotage on goods intended for interstate and foreign commerce.

The accusations of sabotage on the airplane were contained in a file of the Dies committee turned over to the justice department.

Spain Cleans Camps

MADRID —(AP)— All prisoners in concentration camps who were sentenced to terms of six months or less have been ordered released by the government.

Willkie Flunks Politics In Electoral College Says Gridiron Club, Ribbing Defeated Candidates At Meet

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Gridiron Club's winter dinner Saturday night poked fun at its own members of both political parties and a few assorted victims, and closed on a distinctly patriotic note of national unity.

The dinner marked the completion of the presidential term of Mark Foote, Washington correspondent of the Booth Newspapers of Michigan. Harold Brayman of the Houston Chronicle succeeded to the presidency.

President Foote referred to the absence of President Roosevelt, his first during his two terms, in his introductory remarks.

"On one thing," Foote said, "there is no division in America. We are beating our plowshares into swords and training our boys to be soldiers for defense and we mean business. In this we stand united.

"Through it all we can still laugh in America. Just ahead of us is a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and Much Heavier Taxes."

The two speeches of the evening, off the records in the tradition of the dinner, were made by two defeated candidates, Wendell Willkie, unsuccessful Republican aspirant for the presidency, and Henry F. Ashurst, who failed to retain his seat as a Democratic senator from Arizona. A parody of "Empty Saddles In the Old Corral" marked the introduction of Senator Ashurst.

National defense, the national defense advisory commission, the army and navy high commands, investigating committees and

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WET NORTHER VALLEY SHARE OF COLD WAVE

Ice Blankets Most Of Texas

HARLINGEN — Cold rains and fog blanketed most of Texas Saturday night, and added to ice which glazed the Texas Panhandle and most of Oklahoma. In the Valley, a day long drizzle turned into steady rain after nightfall, with such widely separated points as McAllen, Harlingen and Brownsville reporting heavy fall, accompanied by electrical display.

Cloudy weather with occasional rain or drizzle, and not much change in temperature, is the forecast in the Valley for Sunday, with a similar forecast for Monday with addition of predicted northerly winds. At Brownsville Saturday, small range in temperature was reported, with the low at 59 degrees and the highest reading 65 degrees.

Cold Wave General

Meanwhile, Associated Press dispatches revealed Saturday that the ice sheet extended south into the state past Lubbock and east beyond Wichita Falls. Temperatures ranged from 20 degrees at Amarillo to the thirties in northeast Texas and the sixties along the coast.

Plane flights were cancelled and traffic crawled over slick highways. Grady Durbin of Pecos was killed in a car wreck on an icy pavement near Sweetwater. Tom McNeil, 27, and Sterling Elmore, 30, were killed late Friday night in a car collision near their home in Brownfield. Numerous minor accidents were reported.

The flooding Sabine river spread over lowlands along the Texas-Louisiana border for a second time in three weeks. Most sections of

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Twins Oppose Each Other In Election

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—(AP)—Frank and Harry Kilbane, 35-year-old twins, obtained petitions Saturday to run for mayor in the February 25 primary on opposing tickets.

Frank will file as a Democrat and Harry as a Republican.

Hug-Coast Highway History, Opening In Today's Big Paper

Tuesday, December 17, the Hug-the-Coast Highway will open officially with an elaborate celebration in Raymond-This event marks the end of a 27-year fight for a road through Kenedy highway to shorten the distance between the Lower Valley and upstate points.

Today's Star-Monitor-Herald prints six pages of stories and pictures giving the history of the long battle and details of the coming celebration. Turn to pages 9 to 14 inclusive.

GIRL PLAYS OUT THESPIAN ROLE; DIES OF INJURY

CINCINNATI, Ia. —(AP)— The shadow of death lay across the high school auditorium stage here last night as 15-year-old Shirley Joan Hall walked on, but she played out her role in the age-old tradition of the theater.

Just before first curtain at the school play, Shirley, who had a leading part, fell down a flight of nine steps leading to the girls' dressing room. Laid tenderly on a cot by fellow thespians, she cried a little, but when her call came she went on and played her role well.

At home, she developed a severe headache, lapsed into unconsciousness. Her parents rushed her to a hospital, where she died of a skull fracture.

ROME DENIES PEACE OFFER

Refuse To Admit Any African Defeat

By The Associated Press

ROME — The Italians announced to the world Saturday through the Rome radio that "no peace offer will ever be forthcoming from Italy," and refused to acknowledge defeat in Africa.

The high commands daily communique asserted Fascist counter-attacks had "slowed up enemy pressure" in Egypt, but laid no further claims to success in the field, and authoritative commentators took the line that what was happening in the desert was a long way from any decision.

They spoke of it as an action still raging over a vast area and described the British force as enormous.

It was observed that the outcome of the struggle appeared to depend on the ability of the two armies to maneuver and to keep supplied with the essentials of war.

Writing in Il Giornale D'Italia, and speaking the government's views, Virginio Gayda asserted the results of the battle could be measured only weeks and months from now.

Both Egypt and Greece, he declared, were mere episodes to Italy and her attacking power has not been exhausted.

Rochester Clinics To Battle Disease

ROCHESTER, N. Y. —(AP)— The city health bureau announced Saturday two clinics would remain open Sunday for inoculation against typhoid fever, feared spread through city water by inadvertent admission of untreated Genesee river water into the mains.

Five clinics were open Saturday, and Dr. Arthur M. Johnson, city health officer, said "hundreds" were submitting voluntarily to the first of three typhoid vaccine shots necessary to immunity.

6 MILLION TO GET NEW JOBS IN NEW YEAR

Employment Increase Seen By Experts

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Twentieth Century Fund, an institute devoted to economic research, predicted Saturday that national employment would increase approximately 6,000,000 by the fall of 1942.

In a report surveying labor policy under the defense program, the fund said that "labor shortages can exist in certain localities or trades in spite of considerable unemployment in other areas."

Aircraft Men Needed

Acute shortages of aircraft supervisors, specialized shipyard craftsmen and tool and instrument makers were cited as current examples by the research staff, which is headed by Prof. Lloyd G. Reynolds of John Hopkins University.

Such specific conditions should not obscure the labor picture as a whole, the report said, adding:

"It would certainly be wrong to conclude that all employable workers will have jobs by the end of 1942 . . . Many of the unemployed will not be absorbed because they are in the wrong places or the wrong occupations, and there may well be unemployment of 2,000,000 or more even at the peak of defense production."

Solution Offered

To help remedy the skilled labor shortage, the report proposed, the "drastic expedient of breaking down production processes into simpler elements, which can be performed by workers with only a few months' training."

FD SATISFIED WITH BASES IN DEFENSE AREA

Personal Inspection Trip Is Ended

ABOARD ROOSEVELT TRAIN En Route to Warm Spring, Ga.—(AP)—President Roosevelt ended a cruise over nearly 4,000 miles of the Caribbean and Atlantic Saturday, assured by a personal inspection that sites for American defense bases in Jamaica, St. Lucia and Antigua were satisfactory, but skeptical about facilities in the Bahamas.

Pointing up evidence of Anglo-American friendship, the cruise took the president into the waters of a belligerent power for the first time since the current conflict began in Europe. He paused at more than half a dozen British islands, and also at the French island of Martinique.

Tanned By Trip

Mr. Roosevelt came ashore from the cruiser Tuscaloosa at the Charleston, S. C., navy yard Saturday afternoon, tanned by a tropical sun and salt-laden breezes, after 12 days at sea.

Immediately, he left by special train for Warm Springs, Ga., to spend Sunday at the Foundation for Infantile Paralysis victims and then return to Washington Monday.

The cruise took him to four of the eight spots where the United States obtained rights, by turning over 50 old destroyers to Britain, to establish plane and naval bases in British territory and thereby forge a chain of outlying defenses for the continent and the Panama Canal.

Sites Satisfactory

Mr. Roosevelt found the sites at the islands of Jamaica, St. Lucia, and Antigua in the Caribbean met the qualifications of supplying anchorage for essential maintenance and supply ships and areas for sea and land plane operations.

But at Mayaguana island in the

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Mexican Ambassador Returns For Xmas

MEXICO CITY —(AP)— A high official of the Petroleum Workers Union said Saturday night that 6,000 of the government oil industry's 18,000 employes were to be dismissed in President Avila Camacho's drive to liquidate the industry's 68,000,000 peso deficit.

The Albanian Front



Athens reports said Italians were falling back steadily for a possible new stand in heights around Chimara (1), almost half way up the Albanian coast from Porto Edda to Valona. A Greek spokesman said Italians also were withdrawing rapidly north of Argirocastro and London reports said Greeks had taken Kodre (2). Snows hampered operations on the northern front (3). Greeks said their penetrations (slant shading) of Albania now is almost twice as deep at both flanks as maximum Italian thrusts into Greece several weeks ago. Black areas indicate direction and location of the Italian thrusts, which never have been exactly defined.

Italian Spaghetti Is 'Captured' Now By Greek Cafe Man

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—(AP)—A customer climbed onto a stool at the counter of a Greek restaurant here.

"Gimme an order of Italian spaghetti."

"We ain't got no Italian spaghetti. We got some Greek spaghetti, O. K.?

"O. K."

BUILDING BOOM IN HARLINGEN

Five New Business Structures Start

HARLINGEN—This city is witnessing a renewal of the building boom which in 1940 has given Harlingen its biggest year for building in a number of years. The first half of December has seen most of this renewal, with five new business buildings and a half a dozen new residences under construction.

Work has begun on the largest of the five business buildings, the $20,000 new home of the Browder Motor Co. on West Jackson. Of reinforced concrete and tile construction, the building is 125 by 140 feet.

Knapp Motor Co. is also to have a new home. A 24 by 60 office and sales room building, for which $5,000 permit was taken out, will be augmented by a 75 by 140 shop building.

San Antonio Paper Co. also is constructing a new $14,500 building on West Jackson, and will be of concrete and tile construction. A $6,000 clinic for Dr. Troy Shafer is being added to "Clinic Row" on East Harrison, and a 50 by 100 foot building for Reger Neon Co. is being constructed on Commerce.

Some seven houses, totalling $17,750 and ranging from $1,750 and $3,500 are being built in Harlingen at the present time, according to City Building Inspector Ralph Bledsoe. Well over 100 new residences have been built during the year, with several others to be started soon.

Italy Raids Malta

LONDON— (AP) —Reuters, British news agency, reported that two formations of "enemy" aircraft caused "slight civilian casualties and little damage to property" in attacks Saturday on the Mediterranean island of Malta.

ACTOR DIES

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. —(AP)— Edward Cecil, 60, veteran motion picture character actor, died of a heart attack Friday, it became known Saturday.

NO. 2 FRENCH LEADER WAS STRONG NAZI

Flandin Succeeds As Vice Premier

NEW YORK —(AP)— Max Jordan, NBC correspondent in a broadcast from Basel, Switzerland, said Saturday night that Pierre Laval was lodged in a jail at Vichy, France, and that his resignation as vice-premier resulted from an unsuccessful attempt to persuade Marshal Petain to give Germany the aid of the French fleet against the British in return for liberal Nazi peace terms.

Petain was quoted as saying Germany's latest peace proposal as advocated by Laval came at too high a price, Jordan said.

VICHY, France —(AP)—The world was permitted to learn Saturday night that Pierre Laval, No. 2 man of the Vichy government, has been forcibly shown the door, but that his policy of collaboration with Germany will be continued under Pierre-Etienne Flandin.

Laval was ousted as vice-premier and foreign minister Friday night, Flandin took over the foreign ministry. The vice-premiership was left empty.

As the hectic events of the past 24 hours unfolded—their full story still may not be told—informed persons said the action was directed mainly against Laval's activity at home and not against the principle of German collaboration, which Chief of State Marshal Philippe Petain has endorsed.

Planned Own Rule

(In Bern, Switzerland, authoritative diplomatic sources said Laval was accused by his colleagues of scheming to set himself up as head of an independent government at Paris and even of plotting to lead France into war against Britain. He was reported under guard at his estate.)

Significant was the official announcement that the change had been communicated to Reichsfuehrer Hitler before the public was told, informing him that pro-German, Rightist Flandin was "more apt" than his predecessor at "collaboration."

The old marshal himself told the people that the change would not effect French relations with Germany, although Laval was the man who had done more than anyone to bring France close to the Axis.

Yet Petain, in words weighty with significance, explained to

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GREEKS TAKE MORE ALBANIA

Italian Resistance Is Stiffening

ATHENS—(Sunday) —(AP)—Greek troops slogging through heavy snowfalls have crushed fierce Italian mountaintop defenses all along the Albanian front, capturing more prisoners and arament, the Greeks declared officially early today.

Italian resistance was said to be especially stiff in the northern Pogradetz area on the route leading to Elbasani, but a government spokesman said it was not holding up the Greek advance.

Battle Northward

Other Greek units were battling their way northward along the Adriatic coastline toward Chimara enroute to Valona, and also cutting toward those ports from inland trails in the Tepeleni region, reports here said.

The Greeks already have claimed a total of 7,250 troops captured, and the high command said additional prisoners were taken in Saturday's fighting, along with 60 automatic weapons.

"The news from the front is highly satisfactory, the spokesman said. "In some places we are making the usual advances whereas in others the Italians are putting up stiff resistance but everywhere it has been crushed despite the fact that snow is very heavy in the fighting regions."

Italian Planes Active

(Yugslav border dispatches from the northern Lake Orchid region said Italian planes were active there, heavily bombing Greek positions in the Pogradetz area.)

The ministry of home security said Italian planes attacked some villages but that no civilian casualties were reported.

NAZIS SINK HOLIDAY SHIP

Canadian Minister Aboard Liner

NEW YORK—(AP)—The British liner Western Prince, loaded with a heavy cargo, including airplanes, and carrying British officials home for the Christmas holidays, was torpedoed Saturday about 550 miles northwest of Londonderry, Ireland.

(At Ottawa, the prime minister's office reported receipt of a message saying that "most of the persons aboard the Western Prince were saved." No further details of the torpedoing were available).

Mackay Radio here picked up an SSS call that the 10,926-ton ship had been "torpedoed" at 2:02 a.m. (EST). Nothing further was heard after the first call, relayed by the Portpatrick, Scotland, station.

Furness, Withy and Company, managers of the Western Prince, identified one of the 60 passengers as C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Munitions and Supply. Also aboard was Captain W. A. Charlton, one-time master of the Queen of Bermuda. The ship had a crew of 80 when she left here Dec. 6.

Industry's Attempt To Supply Both Civilians, Army Causes Defense Lag

Knudsen Demands Better Results From Industrialists; Longer Week, Longer Hours Studied As Solution

By FRANK MacMILLEN

NEW YORK—(AP)—How to get more production out of the nation's busy factories confronted industrial leaders Saturday as a major problem awaiting solution in efforts to speed the defense program.

Heavy Christmas demand for consumers goods drew attention to industry's double lead in supplying both civilian and government military orders.

Homeward bound after attending the annual Congress of American Industry, sponsored by the National Association of Manufacturers, scores of the country's leading industrialists pondered the appeal for faster production raised Friday night by Defense Commissioner William S. Knudsen.

Lag Acknowledged

Knudsen, in a blunt speech acknowledging a lag in defense production, put the question whether the country could afford to "cut 20 per cent off our machine time" by keeping machinery idle from Friday to Monday in the five-day work week.

Before Knudsen turned the spotlight on the production question,

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TANK BLAZE IS FATAL TO 2

Texas City Refinery Still Burning

GALVESTON, Tex.—(AP)—Texas City's costly Southport Oil Refinery fire, which is gradually burning itself out, Saturday claimed the life of a second man who, with nearly a score of workmen, was sprayed with burning oil Friday when a blazing storage tank boiled over.

The second victim was Paul Dupree, 40, Texas City, who died Saturday afternoon at a hospital here before blood transfusions could be given. He suffered severe burns of his head, both hands, face, arms, back and his right leg.

Earlier in the day A. W. Taylor, 36, Texas City Heights, died at the hospital from burns suffered in the fire. Nineteen men were burned, and three others are still in a critical condition in local hospitals.

Hunter Shoots Self

ARTESIA, N. M. —(AP)— Alvy J. Mooney, 22, accidentally shot and killed himself late Saturday while changing cars preparatory to a hunting trip.

Band Silenced

Union Takes Action Against Army

NEW YORK —(AP)— James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians (AFL), said Saturday he had banned music by soldier musicians from the first broadcast Sunday of a series of army programs, "this is Fort Dix."

He said he had refused permission for the amateur musicians of the 104th engineers band to go on the air in order to safeguard the union's professional players from such "competition."

Laborite A Red

Union Votes Leader Is Guilty

SEATTLE —(AP)— Members of the Aeronautical Mechanics Union, Local 751, voted 429 to 344 Saturday to accept a report declaring Vice President Donald R. Keppler "guilty of Communistic activities."

The union, an AFL affiliate, has a membership of some 8,000 employes of the Boeing Aircraft Company here.

The vote came on a report by a "trial board" appointed by the union president to investigate various charges against 16 union members and officials.

Earlier, Keppler had issued a flat denial that he was or ever had been a Communist.



Mississippi Prepares For Invasion!

Sheriffs Of Adjoining Counties In Two States Clash Over 'Dens'

MEMPHIS, Tenn. —(AP)—Mississippians are volunteering by the hundreds to repel any "invasion" of their state by crusading Sheriff Guy Joyner of Shelby (Memphis) Tenn., Sheriff E. S. Baxter of Desoto county (Hernando) Miss., said Saturday night.

And moreover, Baxter wrote Joyner in reply to a letter threatening to invade the Mississippi sheriff's baliwick and clean out state-line "gambling dens," if Joyner tries any such thing it will be "solely and absolutely at your own risk."

"I will not and cannot be responsible for what private citizens might do," Baxter wrote.

Joyner started the row Monday by erecting a big sign at the state line warning that "down the road in Mississippi are gambling dens and dives."

Then Joyner topped it all off Friday night with a letter to Baxter saying that some day or night with axes, bloodhounds and sledge hammers "I will break down those doors and make kindling wood of all gambling equipment."

The Desoto sheriff, who says he knows of no gambling in his domain and would stop it if he did, wrote back:

"I intend to treat you like I would any other ordinary law violator if you, any of your deputies or any person connected directly or indirectly with your office comes into Mississippi—and especially Desoto county — and undertakes to assume the prerogatives of the officers of this county."

US TO BEGIN ON ATLANTIC BASES WORKS

Engineers Already Posted At Sites

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Army completed major preliminaries Saturday for an immediate start on constructing the eight Atlantic naval and air bases acquired from Great Britain.

Engineers already have sailed to prepare the base on the Caribbean island of Jamaica, the war department disclosed, announced that advanced parties would be sent before the year's end to other islands and to British Guiana, on the South American mainland. Work already is progressing in Newfoundland and Bermuda, which did not figure directly in the exchange of 50 American naval destroyers for base sites.

Both the army and navy are involved in the development of the bases, the army's primary task being to garrison and defend them.

To obtain experienced men to help "carry the load of training the new army," the war department also announced that all the 28,739 members of the regular army reserve who do not have dependents would be ordered into active service probably by February 15. The reserve is made up of former enlisted men.

The government's program for expansion of munitions facilities was advanced by an order to start work on a small arms ammunition plant at St. Louis, and by selection of sites for four additional naval ordnance plants.

The Western Cartridge Company of East Alton, Ill., was awarded a $18,600,000 contract to engineer the plant and procure equipment. The United States Cartridge Company of Baltimore, a newly-created subsidiary, was given an initial $87,-219,790 order for the first output of the plant.

The four new navy ordnance plants will be in addition to a $5,-000,000 establishment already designated for Louisville. The additional plants, which will cost approximately $34,800,000 and employ 8,350 persons, will be located as follows: Detroit vicinity to cost about $12,-000,000; Canton, Ohio, about $16,-000,000; Indianapolis, about $6,000,-000; and Macon, Ga., about $800,000.

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Bahamas, where a special board had recommended that a plane base be located at shallow, reef-sheltered Abrahams Bay, he said anchorages were poor and that efforts would be made to find something better.

That was one of the matters he discussed Friday when the cruise was climaxed by his first meeting since 1919 with the Duke of Windsor.

The former king of England, now governor of the Bahamas, flew out from Miami and conferred with the president aboard the Tuscaloosa while it was anchored at Eleuthera Island—one of those over which Edward has jurisdiction.

WEIGHTY PROBLEMS FACE PRESIDENT DURING WEEK

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Many weighty problems and a desk piled high with work await President Roosevelt when he returns to the White House Monday from his Caribbean cruise.

Within the next three weeks, the chief executive must prepare two important documents for presentation to the new congress meeting in January. The first is the budget for the fiscal year beginnig next June 1, and the other is his annual message on "The State of the Union."

Walter-Logan Bill

The president also will find on his desk the Walter-Logan bill, a measure distasteful to some administration aides. He must act upon it by Wednesday, or allow it to become law without his signature, and Washington, generally, expects a veto. The bill would broaden the jurisdiction of the courts over the decisions and procedure of such governmental agencies as the labor board and communications commission.

Foremost among policy matters which appear pressing for decision are the questions of financial aid for Great Britain and energizing the defense program.

Defense Is Lagging

Defense efforts admittedly are lagging. William S. Knudsen, defense commisisoner in charge of production, disclosed Friday night that airplane production was 30 per cent behind estimates made last July.

In connection with the talk of ways to whip the rearmament program into top speed, some are predicting the appointment of a defense head, possibly Knudsen, with authority to go into the factories themselves, search out production bottlenecks and show the manufacturer how to eliminate them.

The president's lieutenants have gone as far as they feel that they can go on the question of lending money to England, and the next step is up to the president.

Greek Vessel Sends Out Distress Call

NEW YORK —(AP)— The 4,798-ton Greek steamer Orion sent out urgent distress signals Saturday night, intercepted by Mackay Radio, which said she had a broken steering gear in a north Atlantic storm.

The Orion reported at 6:28 p.m. that she needed help immediately, Mackay said. The ship's position was about 700 miles northeast of St. John's, Nfld.

Since outbreak of the war New York has become the world's leading diamond cutting center.

San Benito Youth Now With British Flying Force Really Likes His Job

Frank Cowart Visits Relatives With New Wife

By DEL CRAIN

SAN BENITO—"I like my job so much they'll have to fire me to get me out," said Flying Officer Frank E. Cowart of the Royal Canadian Air Force and former San Benitan Saturday.

Frank and his beauteous Canadian wife or rather bride, Patricia Ann, left Saturday afternoon after a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Cowart, and his uncles, Tom and John Cowart. They expected to drive through to his station at Jarvis, Ontario, in three days.

Is Flying Officer

His title as "flying officer" is comparable to the first lieutenent in the United States Air Corps and he is stationed with No. One Bombing and Gunnery Squadron training pilots in a final six weeks course before they go to England.

It is understood that Frank has "ferried" planes "across" but when asked about it he said he couldn't talk for publication because of the strict regulations of the service. However, he did say that at the time of his enlistment in August, 1940, that he signed up for transatlantic service but soon afterwards this service was taken over by private enterprise on a strictly civilian basis.

He Likes Canada

One thing about which he is "loquacious" is the splendid treatment by Canadian officials who are the "most considerate and nicest people" he just about ever met. He said they practically "bent over backward" in an effort to give every service requested by the men.

"Craving excitement," as he put it, Frank resigned in 1939 a position of six years as secretary to G. B. Corless, general superintendent of the Gulf Coast Division of the Humble Company in Houston to form the "Gulf Coast Hot Shot Service." This company specialized in delivering certain oil field equipment and in cropdusting in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Soldier Of Fortune

He was recommended for the Canadian service in August by the well-known flyer, Ace Corbin, and was contacted in Houston by telephone by Col. Bill Brooks, famous "soldier of fortune" recruiting men for the service. Reporting the next day in Dallas, Frank underwent flight tests there with seven other Texans; flew to New York for other stringent physical examinations and then to Ottawa, Canada, for still more rigorous tests. The reason for the severe examinations was that certain men were picked for officers commissions selected on the basis of education, character, background and ability. From there he went to Trenton, Ontario, which is the "Randolph Field of Canada" and was instructed in flying of all types of planes. In his present squadron at Jarvis are some 30 Americans including two Valley boys, Brady Parker of Lyford and Bill Ferguson of McAllen.



San Benitan Frank E. Cowart who "made good" with the Royal Canadian Air Force and is Flying Officer with the Bombing and Gunnery Squadron at Jarvis, Ontario, pictured with his lovely bride, Patricia Ann. They visited relatives in San Benito, leaving Saturday for Canada.

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ers captured: An incomplete official estimate put it at 26,000, together with vast quantities of guns, tanks, arms, equipment of all sorts.

This estimate, which the British said was conservative, placed in actual custody more than one fourth of the Fascist army which invaded Egypt in the early autumn and now has been driven back to the point where it started—an army which at its peak strength had been estimated by the British at 80,000.

The troops which had escaped capture in the flight into Libya were pictured as so disorganized as to be of little present account.

British air activity continued to set a huge tempo of violence for the whole operation.

Air Assaults Continuous

Continuous assaults with bomb and machinegun fire on Italian positions far within Libya—at Derna, for example, 150 miles and more within the frontier—were reported by the Royal Air Force. Hard hit, said the British, were the Derna barracks, wireless station and other military buildings, and spreading fires were left in the area.

Among the announced results elsewhere in this furious aerial campaign were these:

Bardia, the important Libyan coastal base, hit again; military stores bombed in half a dozen points and airdromes, landing fields, gasoline storages and the like pounded over a wide area; retreating Italians heavily machine-gunned.

TEXAS OILMEN AWAIT ORDER

AUSTIN—(AP)—While Texas oilmen awaited possible action by the Railroad Commission after a statewide proration hearing, commission engineers Saturday reported production this week averaged approximately 35,515 barrels daily over the U. S. Bureau of Mines estimate.

The figure, slightly higher than last week's included daily underproduction of 47,609 in assigned but unproduced allowables.

The net daily allowable increased over that of a week ago by 6,276 barrels daily to a total of 1,360,124, the federal bureau's estimate of demand from Texas during December was 1,277,000 barrels a day.

Washington Irving was a lawyer and business man as well as writer.

Aged Lady's Action Plea Is Answered

Mailed Suggestions Fill Her Time

SEATTLE — (AP) — A week ago, Mrs. Ella Russell, 72 years old, widowed and "comfortably fixed" financially, was wondering "what am I going to do with the rest of my life?"

Weaving rugs and sitting by the fireside reading a good book didn't appeal to her as the proper ending for what had been a busy life.

It looked like a dull old age for Ella Russell, and she cried out against it.

Readers Answer

But that was before the newspaper readers of the nation took their pens in hand to suggest ways Ella Russell could avoid "gathering mental dust."

"I'm just like the old lady who lived in a shoe," she said Saturday as the postman rang again and she began opening the latest batch of nearly 500 letters already received. "Instead of having so many children, I have so many ideas I don't know what to do."

Widow Excited

And Mrs. Russell laughed excitedly, as she fingered through her growing pile of letters.

A widow, 63 years old, sent this from Amarillo, Tex.:

"I sure feel sorry for you. . . . I used to live on a mail route, and the mail man laughed at me for never having any use for a mail box. But now I spend my time writing to people I never have seen, or expect to see.

Start a Store

"Or, you might start a store and sell pretty things to old ladies."

From a woman in San Jose, Calif.:

"What interesting reading a book containing the idea you will get from readers would make! Why not save the good letters and write a book about them. Some publisher might take the book. God bless you!"

And a housewife in Kalispell, Mont., said:

"Love Your Trees"

"I, too, used to live in Seattle; love your madrona and dogwood trees, and all the lovely foliage and flowers. . . . Why not start a rug business on a small scale? You say you're tired of just making rugs to keep busy. Why not make rugs for doll houses? You could sell a lot of them, I know."

"I don't know what I'll do," said Mrs. Russell, "but these letters have made me see there is plenty to be done for people."

'SMACK LABOR' BILLS ARE HIT

Coming Legislation Said Harmful

NEW YORK — (AP) —James B. Carey, secretary of the CIO, said that rights of labor are "under attack in the most serious way" and urged "fair play" for labor to achieve maximum defense production.

He asserted that "smack-labor" bills in Congress and state legislatures "threaten everybody, not just labor alone."

In an address prepared for a national conference on labor's rights and the defense program sponsored by the National Lawyer's Guild, he added that the rights of labor, particularly "the full, unobstructed rights to organize themselves," are "being attacked through new proposals for legislation; they are being attacked through neglect of duty on the part of agencies charged with the enforcement of laws" and more and more they are being attacked in wholly illegal ways."

He said the situation "becomes most acute, of course, in the shape of the right to strike."

NEW LAW FOR TRUCKS ASKED

May Exempt Private Motor Carriers

AUSTIN—(AP)—An intensive effort to exempt privately owned and operated trucks from regulation of the Railroad Commission under the motor carrier law will be made during the next session of the legislature, officials of the Private Truck Owers Association announced here.

"More than 300,000 privately-owned trucks, from those used by small farmers to fleets used by business men, are operating outside of the law," said Association Manager Carl C. Hardin. "They are operating under a senate resolution which states it was not the intent of the legislature to include private carriers in the Motor Carrier Act."

Hardin added that copies of a proposed bill which will be one of the first filed when the lawmakers convene in January were being mailed to legislators and civic, farm and business leaders over the state.

LEADER WAS STRONG NAZI

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France that the "resignation" of Laval was essential for reasons of interior policy, for the country's unity, and went on:

"I remain at the helm! The National Revolution continues!"

The best available diplomatic opinion saw behind the ouster a growing distrust by both Petain and General Maxime Weygand, the powerful supreme commander in Africa, for Laval's negotiations with Germany. Weygand, it is known, has been afraid France might lose sovereignty over some of her African possessions, and has spoken out against any cession. Behind him is the undefeated French army in Africa.

Official announcements of the changes were read to the press after a day in which France had been cut off from all communication with the outside world.

Berlin, semi-officially, indicated its approval of Flandin's selection.

Saturday night, immediately after the announcement of the one-man purge, new "protection groups," a French version of the German Schutz Staffel, were on guard at strategic points in Vichy.

LAVAL SOUGHT TO FORM OWN DICTATORSHIP

BERN, Switzerland—(AP)—Charges that Pierre Laval plotted to set up a separate government with himself as head and even lead France into war against Britain were behind his dismissal from the Vichy government, authoritative sources declared Saturday night.

Interior Minister Marcel Peyrouton and other ministers, these sources said, accused Laval of scheming to set himself up as leader of an independent regime at Paris and of using his ministerial rank to build up his prestige for war on Britain.

Peyrouton Promoted

The one-man purge which washed Laval out of the Vichy cabinet left Peyrouton, chief of police as well as interior minister, as the strong man under Marshal Petain.

Laval, Friday's "Crown Prince," is said to be a prisoner in his estate, guarded by soldiers and "GP" men—agent of the Groupe de Protection, strong-arm squads built up by Peyrouton and other French leaders who distrusted Laval.

Diplomatic sources said the straw which broke the camel's back of Petain's toleration of his vice-premier and foreign minister was the simple question of who should go to Paris to represent the Vichy government when the remains of Napoleon's son are returned from Germany to the Invalides at Adolf Hitler's order.

Urged Petain To Go

According to these reports, Laval said Petain himself should go. Petain refused, they said, and was backed up by other ministers but that was only an incident following the graver charges against Laval.

Prince Edward Island is the smallest but also the most densely populated province of Canada.

CAMERON DUE AAA PAYMENT

721 Farmers Apply For Soil Checks

HARLINGEN—Cameron county growers are expected to receive a total of $625,000 as their share of government benefit payments of various kinds for participation in soil conservation and crop control practices, according to Jack W. Lowrance, secretary of the Cameron county Agricultural Conservation Association.

Payments totalling $62,604.62 have already been received on 721 applications for soil conservation compliance and a total of $400,000 is expected on the 4,800 applications in this county. Another group of checks is expected to be received early in the week in which event the producers will be notified.

Parity payments totalling $187,-181.57 have already been received on 3,999 applications. There are 1,000 small applications still pending which are expected to bring the total parity payments to around $225,000 which with $400,000 in soil conservation payments would make a total of $625,000 for the year's compliance with various programs.

KNUDSEN WANTS BETTER RESULTS

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business leaders talking to the manufacturers and in other meetings this week discussed various proposals for improving factory performance, including:

(1) Longer working hours.
(2) Increasing capacity and utilization of remaining idle plants.
(3) Training of skills for defense industry.
(4) Sub-contracting and regulation of the flow of materials to avoid bottlenecks.

Many who listened to the discussions assumed these proposals singly or in combination would be tried in the new year drive to gear industry to steadily climbing defense spending.

Business On Increase

Capacity or near-capacity operations limited further industrial gains after one of the sharpest autumn upswings on record. Seasonal adjustments partly accounted for an additional rise in the Associated Press index of industrial activity to 119.5 per cent of the 1929-30 level compared with 118.5 the previous week and 112.1 a year ago.

Several announcements of wage-increased and year-end bonuses for factory workers emphasized the rising trend of national income, which some analysts figured might reach the unprecedented figure of $100,-000,000,000 annually in the climb of defense spending.

Thriving Christmas trade, especially at industrial centers benefiting from larger factory payrolls and arms spending, was traced to the ascending swing in the country's income.

Xmas Record Falls

Retail trade reports said consumer avidity for merchandise embraced a wide assortment of goods aside from Christmas gifts. The U. S. Commerce Department recently forecast Christmas business this year would shatter previous records.

VALLEY DRAWS WET NORTHER

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Sabine county were isolated, cattle losses and damage to farm lands and country roads mounted. Nearly 100 Negroes, who had returned to their homes after being evacuated two weeks ago, were moved out again and placed under the care of the Red Cross. Meanwhile, farther south the danger of a serious flood in Harris county (Houston) passed as the San Jacinto river fell slowly. A serious flood threat continued along the lower Trinity, out of its banks at places for three weeks. Liberty, center of the flooded area, reported water over roads to the south but feared no further damage unless heavy rains continued.

California Cold

Cold enveloped northern California Saturday as wintry weather chilled the northern states from coast to coast. Sub-zero readings were registered in many communities between the Rockies and Wisconsin, and sub-freezing temperatures were recorded at many points between Illinois and the North Atlantic seaboard.

In California, the mercury dropped to seven above in Susanville and fell to 24 in Sacramento. Severe damage to citrus was reported in Sacramento county. Colorado had 21 below, while at West Yellowstone, Mont., the thermometer column shrivelled to 39 below. Big Springs, Neb., had 28 below, Minneapolis saw six below, and Park Falls, Wis., registered 12 below.

Sen. Gerald P. Nye Is Married In Iowa

IOWA FALLS, Ia. —(AP)— Miss Marguerite Johnson, 32, Rock Island, Ill., high school teacher, and U. S. Senator Gerald P. Nye, 47, of North Dakota, were married in the English Lutheran Church here at 5 p.m. Saturday.

Liner Is Converted

PORTLAND, Ore.—(AP)—The passenger liner City of Norfolk was turner over to the navy here Saturday for conversion into a marine corps transport.

The U. S. Mint executes coins for several foreign governments.

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Old Santa Fe Whoops It Up Despite Jinx Of Friday The Thirteenth As Town Celebrates Picture Premiere

SANTA FE, N. M.—(AP)—Old Santa Fe in fiesta mood swung through a whirl of celebration Saturday for the film, "Santa Fe Trail," its first and Warner Brothers' "last" localized motion picture premiere.

Gay descendants of the conquistadores who founded Santa Fe 300 years ago devoted themselves wholeheartedly to preparations for the premiere at three treatres Saturday night.

Unmindful of a Friday the 13th that gave Hollywood cinema directors the jitters, the old town was wound up for a real party and jinx or no jinx, it was going to have one.

In a swirl of Spanish finery, frontier jerkins, Indian blankets and cowboy regalia, the city and its several thousand guests whooped it up until early morning. Then they quit the first grand ball and snatched at sleep in preparation for the day's fervid pace.

The star of "Santa Fe Trail," Olivia De Havilland, and May Robson, 76-year-old stage and screen actress, were chief victims of the Friday 13th misfortune.

Miss De Havilland was stricken with a "mild" attack of appendicitis while en route here on the 14-car special train that brought film notables and other guests for the premiere. She was "not in serious condition," her physician said, and was flown back to Los Angeles early Saturday.

May Robson, who collapsed in a hotel shortly after the celebration began, was rushed to Albuquerque and was resting there in a hotel. The attending doctor said her heart had been affected by the high altitude. She, too, was not in serious condition.

OBITUARY

H. E. BALLARD

McALLEN—Mrs. D. E. Nall of McAllen, has received word of the death of her brother, H. E. Ballard, at Milwaukee, Wis., last week.

His body was placed in a crypt at Forest Hill Cemetery at Milwaukee until May when it will be forwarded to Jasper, Mo., for interment in the family lot there.

VALLEY WOMAN'S KIN DIES

McALLEN—Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Thornton are in Mount Pleasant where they were called last week by the serious illness of her father, Mr. Stephens, who died Saturday at four a.m. Funeral services will be held at Mount Pleasant. The Thorntons are expected to return here in a week.

MRS. N. P. BETTS

EDINBURG — Funeral services are planned at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Stotler chapel at Mercedes for Mrs. N. P. Betts, 37, wife of the prominent Edinburg business man, who died at her home here Friday morning after a brief illness. Rev. J. W. Mason, pastor of the Edinburg Baptist church, will officiate and interment will be at the La Feria cemetery.

Survivors include the husband; a son, Nyal Dean; a daughter, Sarann; her father, F. F. McGill of Okolona, Miss.; a brother, W. H. McGill of Memphis, Tenn.; and three sisters, Mrs. E. F. Betts of La Feria, Mrs. Paul David of Memphis and Mrs. M. E. Chadick of Los Angeles, Calif.

WILLIAM WHEELER

McALLEN—The body of William Wheeler, who died suddenly Saturday at the municipal hospital, was forwarded Saturday night to Boone, Iowa, for interment. Mr. Wheeler had come to McAllen from Iowa only about two months ago Kreidler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

O. D. KIRKLAND, Jr.

McALLEN—Services were held here Saturday morning at the Kreidler chapel for Oscar Denton Kirkland, Jr., 19 months' old, who lost his life in a canal west of the city Friday. Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kirkland of North 18th street, and four sisters, Nellie, Edna, Maurine and Lillian. Interment was at Rose Lawn cemetery.

The child was no kin to Hidalgo County Clerk Oscar D. Kirkland of Edinburg.

MAY NOT TAKE GAME DEVICES

Must Have Evidence Of Their Use

DALLAS—(AP)—In a first ruling on the question by a state appellate court, the Fifth Court of Civil Appeals held unanimously here that gambling devices may not be seized and destroyed by law enforcement officials unless it is shown the devices were being used or exhibited to attract bettors.

Chief Justice Joel R. Bond delivered the opinion as he ordered some 50,000 punch boards, held for more than a year by Dallas officials, returned to their owners.

Admitting that a punch board is a gambling device and fit for no other purpose, Judge Bond said: "The mere fact that the device was found in possession does not authorize confiscation, unless it can be shown it was being used or exhibited in such a manner as to signify the purpose of gaming."

China-Soviet Pact For Arms Reported

NEW YORK —(AP)— The British radio reported Saturday night that China and the Soviet Union have signed an agreement under which China is to sell $100,000,000 worth of tea to the U.S.S.R., "making it possible for the Chinese government to buy war material from Russia which it needs for the war against Japan," CBS recorded the report here.

WPA Is Making Toys

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The WPA said Saturday that some two million toys would be distributed from its workshops to underprivileged children this Christmas.

BOND ISSUE VOTED

PORT ARTHUR, Tex. —(AP)— Port Arthur voters balloted Saturday, three to one, to issue $600,000 in city bonds for a recreational center.

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JOHNSON ACT REPEAL DUE?

May Will Introduce Bill In Congress

PRESTONSBURG, Ky. — (AP) — Chairman May (D-Ky) of the House Military Affairs committee, said Saturday night he would introduce in the forthcoming congress a bill calling for outright repeal of the Johnson act which bars loans to nations in default on debts to the United States.

"England, in effect, is fighting our battle," he said in a statement at his home. "If England should be defeated, it means that we, in reality, would be fighting the battle now shouldered by Great Britain."

May said he had withheld the bill this session because there was no immediate chance for passage.

May said he did not propose direct loans by the government.

"This bill would merely clear the way for those who want to help, not only England, but any other countries friendly to the United States," he said.

Fire Insurance Man Reported Improved

COLEMAN —(AP)— The condition of State Fire Insurance Commissioner Walter Woodward, who is suffering with asthma and bronchial trouble, was slightly improved Saturday.

He was still in an oxygen tent as a precaution against pneumonia. He was able to take nourishment Saturday. Relatives were more optimistic over his condition.

Egypt Burns Cotton In Railway Engines

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Cotton fields are taking over the job of coal mines in keeping steam-up in locomotives of Egyptian railroads.

The substitute of cotton-seed cakes for coal as fuel resulted, says the Bureau of Mines, from the war-caused difficulties of shipping coal into Egyptian ports.

Congratulations

To Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Beachum, Raymondville, on the birth of a daughter, weighing eight and one-half pounds, Saturday at 5:56 p.m. at Valley Baptist Hospital.

HOUSE IS MOVED

SAN JUAN—Mrs. Fred Gallant this week sold the house on her farm to L. C. Mellenbruch, who is moving it to his farm home, known as the San Juan Flower Gardens, on east highway.

FLU SPREADING TO NORTHWEST

California Epidemic Passing Peak

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—A mild form of influenza which reached epidemic proportions in California was spreading through the Pacific Northwest Saturday.

While California reported increasing indications that the epidemic had passed its peak, schools were closed in many sections of Washington and Oregon, and several deaths were reported from complications of the disease.

More than a score of schools were closed in the state of Washington.

Two deaths were reported Friday, Mrs. C. L. Torry, 78, who died at Portland, and Police Patrolman Robert F. Baerman, 51, who succumbed at Seattle from pneumonia which developed from influenza.

WILLKIE FLUNKS 'COLLEGE' EXAM

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scientific polls of opinion all came in for some good natured ribbing but, as always, the high spots were reached with political skits.

The Republican show took the diners to "Suburbia," a semi-mythical kingdom from which lately departed a crusade to rescue the land from the new infidel.

The Gridironers did not overlook the natural provided by the president's play on "Martin, Barton and Fish" in his campaign speeches, and they appeared as a trio to sing of seeking political knowledge but flunking the electoral college.

The dinner ended with a skit called "Reunion in America." Secretary Ickes and Mayor Kelly of Chicago, Senator Norris and Frank Hague, William Allen White and Senator Hiram Johnson, John L. Lewis and Tom Girdler, Mayor LaGuardia and Edward Flynn and Al Smith and Herbert Hoover came in arm in arm. Big business march with little business, followed by the loyal opposition, Aunty Third Term, Uncle Sam and Unity. All sang:

"Sing a Song of Unity at Home."

Landon Backs Martin For Party Chairman

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Alfred M. Landon, Republican presidential nominee in 1936, said Saturday he thought "it would be a very good thing" for Joseph W. Martin, House minority leader, to remain indefinitely as party chairman.

The former Kansas governor said he believed the party "would be greatly benefitted to have the national campaign and congressional activities linked up as they are now."

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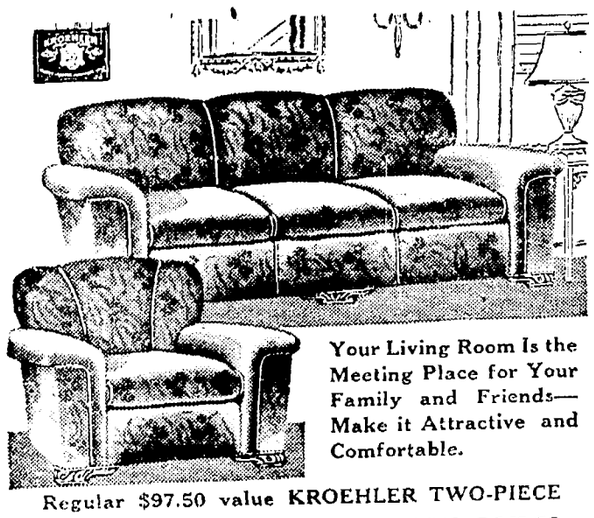
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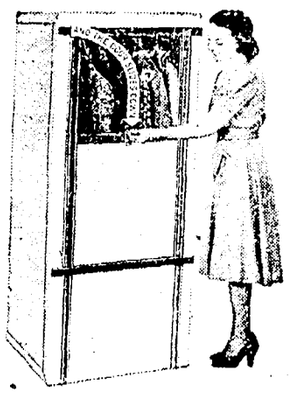
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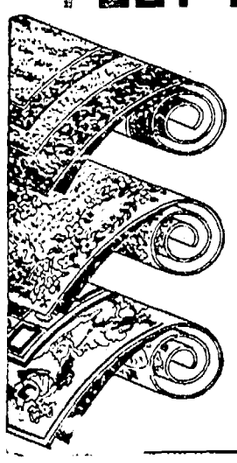
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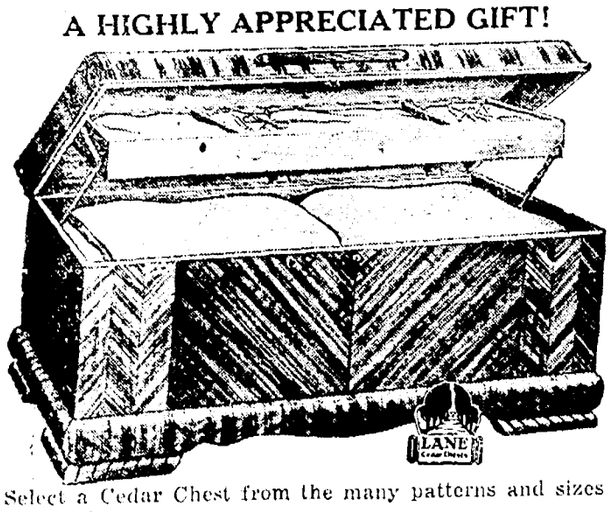
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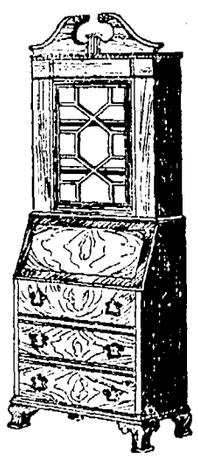
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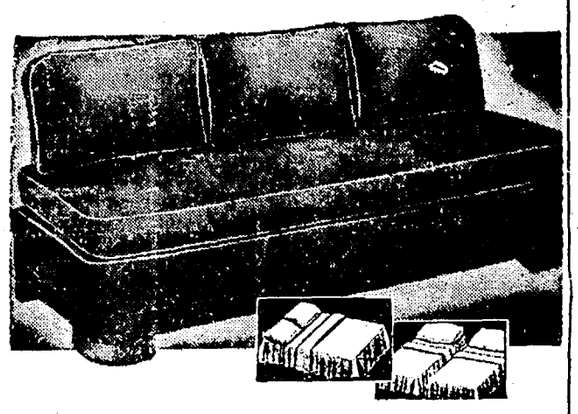
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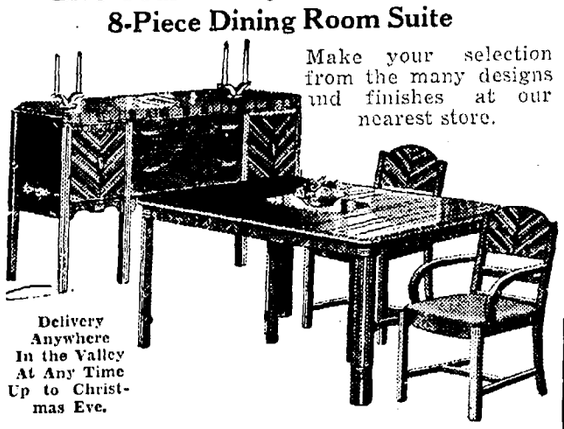
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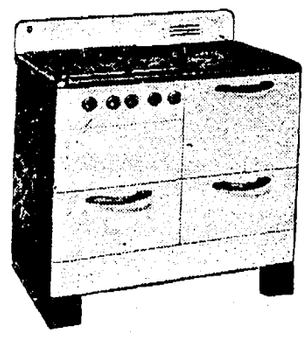
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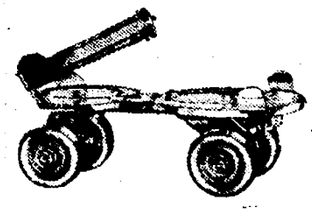
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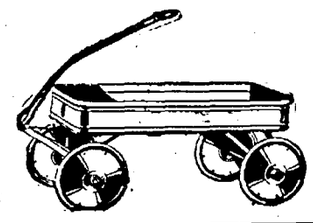


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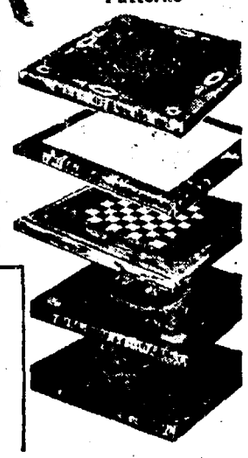
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PLAYERS SET FOR JARDIN SCHOOL PLAY

Two One-Act Shows On Tuesday Night

BROWNSVILLE — Two one-act plays with student casts will be staged at El Jardin school auditorium at 8 p.m. Tuesday for the benefit of the student council, members of the council have announced.

"The plays are expected to be highly entertaining and the public is invited to attend," it was stated.

Casts for "He Ain't Done Right by Little Nell," directed by Mrs. Ida Hall, includes Mary Elizabeth Baughman as Little Nell; Albert Drumright, Jack Logan; Bill Ford, Hilton Hays; Betty Crow, Granny Perkins; Marie Rone, Lolly Wilkins; Anna Froyd, Vera Carleton; Bill Ostrander, Burkett Carleton.

"Quack! Quack!" directed by Miss Katherine Stephens, will have the following cast: Don Eddie Hockaday and Bobby Hunter as Drs. Slycem and Paine; Robert Ford, Henry; Elaine Loop, Aimee; Dotty Kidder, Mrs. Emaline Gabs; Billy Ostrander, Mr. Gimps; Lois Martin, Miss Katy Katchoo; Anita Mae Loop, Mrs. Tabitha Buzzer; Donald Lawrence, Al Falfa; Betty June Inman, Bridget; Doris Martin, Mrs. O'Leary; Melvin Burlingame, Wumf; G. W. Jackson, Wunkus; Norval Taylor, Pete.

FORT SILL'S FLU ON WANE

1300 Cases Handled At Base Hospital

FORT SILL, Okla.—(AP)—Fort Sill medical authorities said Saturday that 1,300 cases of influenza, 800 of them members of the 45th division, were handled this week at the station hospital.

They added, however, that the disease, while extremely contagious was in a very mild form and not one of the cases was considered serious.

The epidemic hit its peak early this week, but started to decline Thursday.

Private Plane

Injured CCC Boy To Be Flown Home

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The War Department has ordered an army transport plane converted into an air ambulance to take a paralyzed 18-year-old CCC boy from San Francisco, Calif., to a Christmas reunion with his father in Montgomery, Ala.

James Phenix, Jr., the boy, drove a Civilian Conservation Corps truck into a ditch near Blackly, Ore., on May 30 to avoid collision with a private automobile. The truck upset and motorists found James in the wreck with his spinal cord severed. He now is in Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco.

The father, a rural resident near Grady, Ala., asked the CCC to send his boy back to him for a Christmas reunion.

Rail's Flood Break At Gladewater Okay

GLADEWATER —(AP)— Workmen Saturday had sufficiently filled a gorge to allow trains to ease over lines endangered when the side of the roadbed serving as the Lake Devernia dam sluffed off into the marsh.

Slides on the railroad dump were caused from softening of the earth due to rains of the past three weeks.

Swindlers Indicted On Fake Mint Sale

DALLAS—(AP)—Otis Reuben Sanders, 42, and Tom Reynolds, 48, were indicted Saturday on charges of swindling two Anson men of $1,000 through the sale of a device which was supposed to print money.

Tri-City Schools Organize Choir



PHARR—One of the first high school organizations of its kind in South Texas is the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo high school A Cappella choir, pictured above. Not all of the 60 members of the group were available when the photo was taken. They are shown in their royal blue and white robes, and these are to be worn Tuesday night when the choir presents its initial concert at the P-SJ-A school auditorium here under the direction of Ward Timmons.

McAllen Religious Parade Scheduled Monday Night

Twelve Decorated Floats Will Depict Scenes From Bible At Annual Yule Pageant

McALLEN—The annual religious parade arranged by the Business and Professional Business Women's Club will be seen in McAllen at 8:15 p.m. Monday, December 16, the Valley's next and last major celebration of 1940.

Twelve floats depicting scenes from the Bible leading up to the birth of Christ will be decorated by churches in McAllen. Thirteen floats bearing white clad church choir singers and McAllen school glee club members will be interspersed with church floats.

Everything on the program from the time the McAllen high school band starts playing a sacred hymn at 7:15 p.m. until the Christmas carols are sung by the massed choirs and audience in Archer Park is free to all the Valley. Though the stores will be open, under plan of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee, the principal purpose of the stores opening is for Valley people to see the many thousands of Christmas gifts here. The stores will be closed for 30 minutes during the parade.

Following the parade by the band, while playing sacred numbers, they wil give a concert in Archer Park and at 8:15 the religious pageant will move southward on Main street to the Municipal Hospital, thence east to Broadway and north on Broadway to the Chamber of Commerce Building, where it will disband. Police Chief Noah Cannon is cooperating with the B. P. and W. Club by clearing Main street from 8:15 to 8:45.

Motorists are asked not to park their cars on Main street from 8:15 to 8:45, and all visitors are asked to refrain from levity while the parade is passing, as the entire pageant is based on the Bible.

Mrs. Marguerite Robinson, originator of the idea in McAllen is general chairman of the entire pageant for the Business and Professional Women's Club. She is being assisted in the general management by President Dorothea Wilson, and Miss Eva Ellen Miller has charge of the massed choirs and floats carrying the singers, and she is being assisted in the general plan for arranging the floats by Mrs. Edith Klink and Miss Bess Richmond.

FIRE SURETY AGENTS MEET

McAllen Holds First Instruction Work

McALLEN—Fire and casualty insurance agents in the Valley will assemble in McAllen Thursday for the first insurance school of instruction ever held in this section.

The meeting will be held at the Casa de Palmas Hotel with sessions opening at 10 a. m.

The day's session is open to all fire and casualty insurance agents regardless of whether they are members of the regional exchange of the state insurance association, P. D. Moore, president of the McAllen exchange, announced. Local members, however, are in charge of entertainment plans for the event.

About 15 representatives of national companies are expected to attend, Moore said.

Rumania Arresting Reds Within Border

BUCHAREST—(AP)—The arrest of "numerous" Communists, most of them Jews, in Bucharest and other cities throughout Rumania on charges of "circulating leaflets against the public order" was announced by Premier Gen. Ion Antonescu.

Meat Allowance In Britain Is Reduced

LONDON —(AP)— The food ministry announced a reduction in the British meat ration.

Effective Monday, the quantity allowable per week per person will revert to what can be bought for one shilling, 10 pence (36 cents) instead of two shillings, two pence (43 cents) permitted under the temporary increase.

GETS NEW JOB

MISION—Dale Brogdon of Mission has accepted a position with the Lincoln Motor Company of Detroit, according to messages received this week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brogdon.



Ward Timmons, above, is director of the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo high school A Cappella choir.

LEGION WILL SHIP CITRUS

Indigent Families To Receive Gifts

McALLEN—Following an annual custom, the McAllen American Legion post again this year is sponsoring a Valley drive to obtain 150 bushels of citrus fruit to forward to indigent families of Legionnaires confined to the hospital at Kerrville.

Local arrangements are in charge of O. K. Rumbel and Bolton Hyde.

At the regular post meeting Friday night here it was voted that the McAllen post would make up any deficit resulting from the drive to assure the 150 bushels being forwarded for Christmas to Kerrville, Commander C. D. Martin said.

The fruit is sent to the families of confined men who otherwise might be overlooked at the holiday season, Martin explained.

Featured on the program at the meeting Friday were dance and song numbers by M. Williams and Jeanett Rucker, amateur McAllen artists.

McAllen Chamber of Commerce Manager Paul T. Vickers made a series of extra brief speeches on subjects suggested by Legionnaires. The program was arranged by L. J. (Shine) Mason with Mike Groom acting as master of ceremonies.

PRACHTS VISIT

EDCOUCH—Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Pracht of Wichita, Kans., are spending some time in the Valley looking after their property interests near La Villa.

Spread Of Defense Orders Being Urged

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Announcing that his special senate committee would begin a study of small business problems early in January, Senator Murray (D-Mont) declared that the government should spread its defense orders in an effort to aid little business men and increase employment.

YULE PROJECT OFFERS FOOD

Area May Subscribe To New Charity

McALLEN—Lee D. Rowe, chairman of the McAllen Salvation Army board, said Saturday that citizens of McAllen have an opportunity to be Santa Claus this year to 150 poor families.

A survey made by the board and by Captain Ralph Adams of the Army reveals that at least 150 families will have nothing to eat except fat bacon, corn bread and maybe beans for their Christmas dinner, and they will be mighty low on that, unless somebody acts as Santa Claus.

Baskets of good wholesome groceries can be delivered to these people for their Christmas dinner, with some left over for another meal at a total cost of $3 for each basket, the estimate shows. These baskets are to be delivered to the needy families the day before Christmas.

Men and women and clubs of McAllen are invited to be Santa Claus to some family by sending $3 for a basket or less than that amount for part of a basket or more than $3 for several baskets to either Rowe or Capt. Adams or leave it with Gaston Wiley at Chickadee, Texas.

Members of the board and the 20-30 club members will meet at the chamber of commerce building at 9 a.m. next Friday to discuss ways and means to plan further activities toward providing these 150 baskets. In the meantime people with Christmas spirit are asked to volunteer providing baskets by subscribing $3 to the fund.

McAllen Girl Born On Friday The 13th

McALLEN—Virginia Nell Fritz had no qualms about Friday the 13th.

Virginia Nell was born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fritz of McAllen at City Hospital here Friday, December 13, at 6:35 p. m., weighing seven pounds two ounces.

Italians Again Try Saloniki Air Raids

SALONIKI, Greece—(AP)—Italian planes attempted to bomb this area again Saturday after a lull of several weeks but were driven off by Greek pursuit planes.

There were brief alarms both Friday and Saturday but the raiders were unable to approach the city.

Average Living Cost Is Said To Be Same

NEW YORK—(AP)—Living costs of the average wage earner's family were unchanged in November compared with October and were only .5 of one per cent higher than in November, 1939, the national industrial conference board reported.

The board, a private research organization supported mainly by corporations, figured its living cost index at 85.5 per cent of the 1923 level, a rise of 19.2 per cent from the depression low in April, 1933 but a decline of 15.3 per cent from the November, 1929 level.

San Angelo College Chief To Head JC's

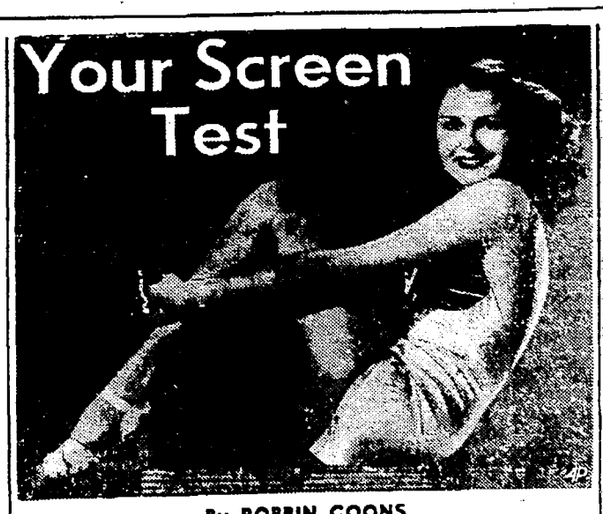
DALLAS—(AP)—Dr. W. H. Elkins, president of San Angelo Junior College, and former University of Texas star athlete, was elected president of the Texas Junior College Athletic Conference Saturday. He succeeds W. B. McDaniel of Weatherford College.

The conference awarded the conference track and field, tennis and golf championships to NTAC. They will be held May 2 and 3.

South's Conference Lists 16th Member

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—(AP)—The Southern Conference elected George Washington University of Washington its 16th member Saturday at the annual meeting here. Membership becomes effective September 1, 1941.

Your Screen Test



By ROBBIN COONS

1. What has the girl in the picture in common, career-wise, with Jane Withers?

2. (a) What famous comic now is producing a film in which he does not appear? (b) Do you recall the title of a famous silent picture produced and directed by another famous comic who likewise, for that occasion, refrained from acting?

3. Nomenclature: (a) What top-flight comedian has the same surname as what top-flight comedienne? (b) What English actress has the same surname as what lanky, "strong, silent man" star? (c) What leading man's first name is the surname of what new leading man? (Both appear in a new color "epic.")

4. Your movie news: (a) What "ideal" movie marriage recently hit the divorce court? (b) What gangling star's number was drawn in the first draft quota? (c) What blonde comedian's?

5. About the new pictures: (a) What lanky hero loses the girl but gets the criminal in what adventure melodrama of the north? (b) What movie combines elements of "It Happened One Night" and "A Farewell to Arms" in a modern European war setting? (c) What movie has a climax built on mistaken identity?

Count 20 points for each question correctly answered. A score of 60 is good, 80 is excellent and 90 or above is colossal.

(Answers on Page 8)

'POSTER WAR' HITS NORWAY

Nazis Set Up Camps As 'Education'

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Scandinavian wireless Saturday night attributed to the newspaper Social Democraten reports the Norwegian government of the Nazi Vidkun Quisling had officially acknowledged the establishment of concentration camps to "educate" masses of arrested Norwegians.

This, it was stated, was "regarded as Quisling's final attempt to show his Nazi master that he is able to force the Norwegians to accept the Nazi yoke.

". . . Nevertheless the distribution and posting of anti-Quisling posters is assuming such proportions that special squads of poster removers are unable to keep pace with the posterers," said the radio.

". . . It is generally believed that if Quisling is ousted the Nazis will abandon the fiction of a national government and declare a protectorate."

Dallas' Air School Moved To Brady On Suggestion Of Army

DALLAS—(AP)—Training of army air corps cadets at the Dallas Aviation School will end soon and the school moved to Brady, Tex., Major Bill Long, president said.

"The army has as good as told me to move the site for training cadets away from Love Field. That's all there is to it," he said.

Long will leave for Brady Monday to consummate a $300,000 investment in a 500-acre tract, that lies two and a half miles east of Brady, on a ten year lease.

Greeks Blasted

Italian Fliers Bomb Line Of Advance

OHRID, Yugoslavia—(AP)—Italian planes heavily bombed Greek positions in Pogradetz and on the northern sector of the Greek advance line in Albania Saturday, causing heavy explosions which border reports said might have been ammunition dumps.

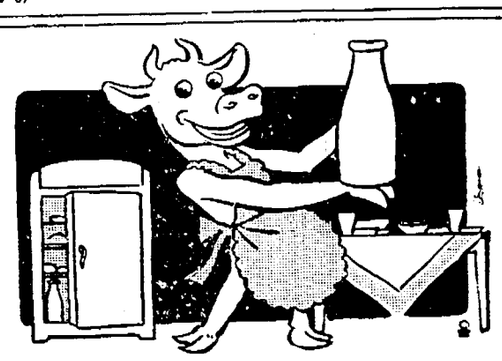
Reports heard in this frontier town said damage was heavy in Pogradetz, which was captured by Greeks November 29.

The Grecks were said to be gaining some local successes in the northern front despite the bombings, and British and Greek planes bombed the Italian supply line on the Pogradetz-Elbasani Road.

Lord Lothian's Body Will Remain In U. S.

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The ashes of Lord Lothian, Britain's wartime ambassador to the United States, will repose indefinitely in a vault in Arlington National Cemetery, on a green Virginia hill sloping gently upward from the Potomac.

The State Department officials said the ashes would remain "for an indefinite period until arrangements can be made for final disposition."



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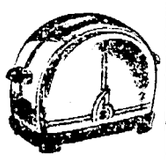
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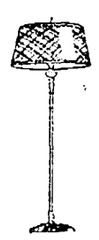
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CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

Billing And Cooing Fills McAllen C. C. Annex As Pigeon Show Opens

McALLEN — The new McAllen Chamber of Commerce annex sounds like a city park in the moonlight these days, with all the billing and cooing going on there.

The softly muted sounds come from the proud throats of 300 Modena pigeons—prized exhibits of about 45 national breeders at the first and largest Modena show ever staged in the United States.

From coast to coast—12 states in fact—the dainty show birds have been shipped into the southland here to be shown at the two-day even which opened Sunday at the chamber annex.

It is the first time, too, a showing of highly bred pigeons has ever been held in the Valley. Breeders and sponsors of the show, anxious that the public acquaint itself with their little winged lovelies, have thrown the show open without admission. The birds will be housed at the chamber building until 6 p.m. Sunday! Judging will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday when 60 certificates and four silver trophies in addition to merchandise prizes donated by co-operating McAllen merchants will be distributed.

R. A. Hancock, McAllen, is in charge of local arrangements.

The crowd seeing the display Saturday was amazed at the wide range of colors the pigeons sported. While officially the colors are listed as silver, red, yellow, black, white and so on—there are unusual combinations of two and three colors. The yellow birds are tones of honey beige; the silver birds have fall time tones of green and burgundy in the collars; the whites are the depth of snow tones and the blacks are so black they are almost blue.

A group of breeders is expected to be on hand Sunday. All walks of life are represented among the men whose avocation is raising pigeons. There is an oil man, a ship channel captain, lawyer, doctor, contractor, salesman, policeman and Hidalgo county's sanitarian, Bob Hancock.

All will be on hand Sunday to show visitors the display and answer any questions.

Chamber officials were making tentative plans Saturday to sponsor the show as an annual event here.

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Radio Training Booms

Scores Of Valley Youths Get Instruction; Stations Are Built Along Border

McALLEN—The war department has called upon 5,000 youths to learn radio communications under America's far-flung national defense program, and scores of those youths will receive their training in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

The government's plan has two purposes: To train youth in technical trades and to build up an army of radio operators to serve this country's armed forces if necessary.

The National Youth Administration has charge of the work and has already inaugurated the program in the Valley.

H. C. Green of McAllen, district supervisor of the NYA, today detailed plans for the project, which ultimately will blanket South Texas with a system of short wave stations available for any emergency.

Amateur stations are to be established at McAllen, Harlingen, Brownsville, Laredo and Kingsville. Portable units will be set up in other cities between Laredo and Brownsville and as far north as Corpus Christi.

Code transmitters operated by NYA students may be installed at Forts MacIntosh, Laredo, Ringgold, Rio Grande City and Brown at Brownsville, Green said.

Two of the amateur stations are already in operation. The McAllen station, W5JEG, situated at the municipal airport, has been on the air for several weeks. W5JEH at Harlingen, located in the new municipal radio building at Fair Park, was completed the other day.

A powerful commercial transmitter also is being built at Harlingen to serve the entire Valley as a police radio which will be available to all law enforcement agencies. A license from the Federal Communications Commission is being awaited before regular broadcasts start.

Ten students are now receiving instruction in radio construction, operation and maintenance at the McAllen airport under Charles Martin of Edinburg Junior College. The youths are taught both code and voice transmission.

Green said night classes probably would start soon to provide training for persons of all ages interested in radio communication. Applications for joining the classes, which are free, may be made with Green at the McAllen NYA office or with Martin at the airport.

The district supervisor has had conversations with the commanders of the three border army posts relative to the code transmitters, but plans have not yet been completely developed. The sets would be installed and operated by NYA youths for army communication. Enlisted men interested in radio also would receive instruction.

"There is a need in the army and navy for trained radio men," Green said. "Those who know code can step into important places in the national defense program."

Gift A Day



HERE'S a Christmas gift, gay as holly berries. It's a cap and muff set of bright red wool to give a festive touch to her plain wool school coat. The cap fits her head as closely as a skull cap in the back and is crowned in front with a circle of yarn pompons.

LEGION POST GIVES PIANO

Flags, Table And FD Picture Asked

BROWNSVILLE—The John Hanson American Legion Post No. 43 has donated a piano to the new Y.M.C.A. recreation center for enlisted men of Fort Brown here, according to Edward Hearne of Melrose, Mass., who is supervising the center.

Hearne asked for donations of Texas and United States flags, large library tables and a picture of President Roosevelt.

Bernie Kowalski has donated a large Christmas tree to the center, and Hearne asked citizens to donate ornaments for the tree. He also issued a request for books for the Y.M.C.A. library.

An electric sign has been erected at the building by the Gateway Sign Co., and the pole on which the sign hangs was donated by George Samano, who also gave an electric clock, some tables and several other articles.

Stationery and advertising cards were donated to the center by Skelton Bros. Printing Co., Bishop Printing Co., and Brownsville Printing Co.

Corporal Martin Rudy, who is on furlough from Fort Brown, is painting the interior of the building with paint donated by neighboring dealers and by the American Legion Auxiliary.

A large Persian print was donated by Gladys Andreas, to decorate the walls, Hearne said.

Large numbers of enlisted men are visiting the center nightly to read magazines and books, write letters, and to play various games donated by local businessmen.

Errors Are Left In Charts Of U. S. Navy

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The load imposed on the navy's hydrographic office in producing charts for the expanding navy has resulted in a definite lowering of standards, Capt. G. S. Bryan, chief hydrographer, reported.

"The large increase in the output of charts," Capt. Bryan said in his annual report for the fiscal year 1940, "has been accomplished only at the expense of omitting numerous corrections to them. It has been necessary to concentrate on quantity and to accomplish this, only those corrections important or necessary to proper safety were placed on the charts."

Balanced Budget Is Avila Camacho Aim

MEXICO CITY —(AP)— President Avila Camacho's administration intends to balance outgo with income in the 1941 budget, but will finance major public works with medium term loans, a responsible source reported. No deficit is anticipated.

This source said a large-scale program of dam and irrigation projects, highway construction, improvements to the national railways, seaport developments and defense bases was contemplated.

Two Fliers Killed In Training Plane

SAN ANTONIO—(AP)—The crash of a training plane nine miles south of Comfort in a fog Friday brought death to Lieut. Theodore D. Deweese, Jr., 22, of Cleveland, Tenn., a Kelly Field instructor, and Cadet David W. Davis, 21, of Livingston, Wis.

EVERHARDS HOME

PHARR—Mr. and Mrs. Clay Everhard have returned from Sarcoxie, Mo., where they attended the funeral of Mr. Everhard's mother who passed away at her home in Arriba, Colorado.

QUOTA CREDIT IS DEFERRED

Army Count Finished Some Time In '41

HARLINGEN—Draft boards in all probability will not receive credit until next year for men already in the National Guard and other branches of the service when the selective service act was passed, it was learned here this week.

Various communities are to receive credit for enlistments in various branches of the service prior to passage of the compulsory training law but information received here indicates that a long time will be required because the War Department is preparing to take the count by individual questionnaires of all men in the armed forces. This will enable officials to determine the exact number from each county and in what draft board area they resided prior to volunteering.

In determining Texas' quota of 33,000 men up to June, 1941, the War Department estimated the number of the previous enlistments, basing their figures on records by states.

Quota 105,000

By population, Texas has been assigned a general quota of 105,000 btu from this figure were subtracted 11,600 National Guardsmen, and 61,000 men in the army, navy and marines.

Texas' first call of 1,573 was based entirely upon the proportional number of registrants in each local board area since the credits for volunteers was not available by counties.

"Debit and Credit"

When the War Department completes its individual counting of men in the armed forces, the list will be forwarded by state headquarters to local boards which will then set up a "debit and credit" system.

In the system, local boards will not only credit their areas with men enlisted prior to registration but also current registrant-volunteers.

W. B. King Augments AP's Balkans Staff

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—(AP)—Headed for Budapest to augment the Associated Press staff in the Balkans, William B. King, former South Carolina newspaperman, sailed Saturday aboard the American export liner Exeter.

King formerly was capital correspondent for the AP at Columbia, S. C., whence was transferred to the New York cable department last November.

Million Dollar Fire Guts Defense Plant

HOBOKEN, N. J.—(AP)—Fire early Saturday destroyed the plant of the Condensor Service and Engineering Corp., active in national defense orders, with a loss estimated by the company spokesman at $1,000,000. One man was killed.

The dead man was tentatively identified as George Jacobs of Jersey City, night watchman.

Three Sisters Marry Soldiers Same Week

LEXINGTON, S. C.—(AP)—Three sisters—aged 15, 17, 18—were married here this week, each to a soldier stationed at Fort Jackson.

Each soldier hails from New England. The licenses were issued on the 26th wedding anniversary of the sisters' parents.

Latin Accord

Argentina, Uruguay Pair On Defense

COLONIA, Uruguay —(AP)— The Argentine and Uruguayan foreign ministers signed a joint declaration here Saturday night advocating cooperation between their countries in preparing for any defense of the Americas against outside aggression.

Argentina, which has been aloof from defense consultations, evidently is ready now to join her neighbors in discussing "continental defense" needs.

GOP Head Cuts Ties With Willkie Clubs

NEW YORK —(AP)— Wendell L. Willkie sent word Saturday to the Associated Willkie Clubs of America that any future course adopted by the campaign organization should "very clearly be entirely free" of his political fortunes or those of any other man.

The former Republican presidential nominee sent his message through Oren Root, Jr., president of the Associated Willkie Clubs, meeting in a national conference called to map a general program of political action. Willkie himself expected to address the conference Sunday.

Military Data Said Stolen From Files

HAVANA, Cuba — (AP) — The United States embassy announced Saturday that the office of its naval attache had been forced "by known persons on the night of Nov. 30."

Rep. Alfredo Nogueira, head of a Cuban congressional committee investigating "fifth column" activities on the island, had said he had information that documents "which may have great military value" had been stolen from the United States naval attache's files.

Request Mexico For Mine Export Policy

MEXICO CITY —(AP)— Mexico's mining interests Saturday were reported urging President Avila Camacho's administration to make a frank declaration of policy with regard to the export of metals to Japan so that the industry might plan for the future.

Because of the European war, Japan is now Mexico's most important customer for lead, iron and mercury, all of which are essential war materials.

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Canadian Fliers Form Foreign Legion Of The Air

By WADE WERNER
AP Feature Service

OTTAWA—Canada gradually is becoming a vast international training-ground for air offensives of the future.

Norwegians, Belgians, Dutchmen, Czechs, Poles and Slovaks are training here.

The fall of France and the air war over Britain hampered air-training in the United Kingdom. It finally was decided to move seven or eight United Kingdom air-training establishments to Canada.

Second Line Of Defense

So RAF centers—potential air bases—are being moved lock, stock and barrel. Ten thousand instructors, students and maintenance personnel gradually are re-establishing their schools on this side of the Atlantic, bringing much of their equipment.

Should Germany succeed in dominating the air over Britain, an important section of the United Kingdom's air strength would be on this side of the Atlantic. The transplanted RAF establishments are entirely independent of the Commonwealth training establishment already in operation as part of the Royal Canadian Air Force.



J. E. Reid, a Detroit (Mich.) student pilot in the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, receives instruction at Windsor, Ont.

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Transplanted Norwegians have their own air-training center at Toronto. In this "Little Norway," men who slipped through the German invader's net are being groomed for eventual participation in the air war against Germany.

Some of the planes they are using were purchased in the United States by the Norwegian government before the invasion. The camp was opened recently by General William Steffens, commander-in-chief of Norwegian armed forces in Canada.

Americans Enlisted

Many Belgians and Dutchmen already have enlisted in the Canadian armed forces. The Canadian government is cooperating with the exiled Dutch and Belgian governments in enforcing conscription of others of military age in Canada.

Plans to incorporate Free French forces have been held up because Canada still has relations with the Vichy government.

Many United States citizens, incidentally, are with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Canned Foods, Like Grapefruit, Tomatoes, Prominent On New Army, Navy Schedules

McALLEN—Canned tomato and grapefruit segments—two of the Valley's processed foods—will appear on the $750,000 daily menu for men called to service in either the army or navy under the national defense program.

And since an "army marches on its stomach," not much has been overlooked to assure enlisted men the kind of food that mother serves at home.

Such is the information F. A. Stare of Columbus, Wis., formerly owner of the Columbus Food Corporation, McAllen canning plant, disclosed while here on a business trip this week. Stare is one of 20 U. S. canners who serve as an advisory board to the purchasing divisions of the two services, faced with the problem of providing tasty, nourishing food for approximately 1,500,000 men—the total expected to be under arms by next June 1.

Eight million cases of canned foods will be consumed by the army and navy during the next year. It is a proven fact, Stare explained, that a man in uniform eats twice as much daily as his civilian brother.

At present Stare is serving with two other canners on a commodity committee, subject to call by the services' purchasing departments, to advise on ways and mean of obtaining such tremendous quantities.

In November the 20 canners met with service officials in an effort to streamline all purchasing so that canners when bidding may deal directly with the government instead of operating through "speculators" who frequently in the past have proven costly for the processers, Stare explained.

The menu for the army and navy—one-half of which comes out of cans—reads like a Child's Restaurant bill of fare. Canned food for the enlisted men and non-commissioned officers, will include pineapples, peaches, pears, salmon, peas, corn, tomatoes, string beans, lima beans and grapefruit segments. The officers' mess fares still better, with canned grapefruit, pineapple and tomato juice available to them at commissaries.

There will be no pork and beans—bane of the last war—Stare said. Pork and beans when part of the bill of fare will be baked from raw materials at the time of mess.

Stare left Wednesday night to return to his home in Wisconsin.

LUNCH SLATED FOR NEWSMEN

Highway Celebration Group In McAllen

McALLEN—The McAllen Chamber of Commerce will be hosts to newspaper men from outside the Valley who live on the Hug-the-Coast highway, and ranking state highway officials, at a luncheon at the Casa de Palmas Hotel here at noon Wednesday.

A bus load of newspaper men gathered from Orange to Raymondville will attend the Hug-the-Coast highway formal opening Tuesday. This phase of the celebration is in charge of Nat Wetzel pioneer road enthusiast of the Valley. Two or three highway engineers from Mexico may be included in the group.

The visitors will be shown through the McAllen Citrus Association packing plant and will visit the St. Clair Canning plant following the luncheon.

McAllen people or Valley people who wish to attend the luncheon in honor of the visiting newspaper men and highway officials may secure a ticket by registering with the McAllen Chamber of Commerce any time before 10 a.m. December 18. Tickets for all Valley people will be fifty cents.

American Mail From East Said Censored

SHANGHAI—(AP)—British censorship of American mail bound for Far Eastern destinations was disclosed with the arrival of a Canadian liner carrying mail stamped opened and read by censor."

Boy Hitch Hikes To Rose Bowl; Arrested

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Bent on attending the Stanford-Nebraska Rose Bowl football game, 16-year-old Homer Lundquist of Aurora, Neb., hitch-hiked here only to fall into custody of juvenile authorities because he was a minor and "broke."

The youth told Juvenile Officer Ray Lemon that he started from his family's 200-acre farm December 7 with $2. He arrived here with only 7 cents but had good luck in catching rides, he said.

He will be a guest of the city pending word or money from his family—or maybe some Nebraska alumnus here.

Guard Is Lauded

Valley Unit 'Tops' To Sen. Kelley

SAN BENITO—"The Company M boys have the nicest National Guard setup I've seen, and I have visited several." Senator Rogers Kelley said here Saturday night after he had been the guest at lunch of the National Guard company in camp here.

"The boys are well fed and well clothed," Kelley added, "and their morale is high. It is one of the finest companies in the Texas National Guard, and I think Captain Lew Williams has done a marvelous job. The boys all seem to think a lot of him. It's really a Valley company all right. I believe nearly every town here is represented."

Company M received word its members will get to spend Christmas in the Valley. They were to have gone to camp Monday, but received new orders to the effect they will leave about December 27.

Train Hits Auto At Crossing; Three Die

HAZEN, Ark.—(AP)—A father and his two small sons were killed instantly here Saturday when a westbound Rock Island passenger train struck their automobile at a crossing within a block of the railroad station.

The victims were Homer Clark, 40, rice farm worker, and his sons Ray, five, and C. W., two.

CALLED TO NAVY

McALLEN—Otis Wilkins, Valley Pipeline Company welder, has been called to report for duty as a machinist in the United States Navy Yard at Washington, D. C. Wilkins is scheduled to report for duty December 19.

NEW MACHINE FOR HELIUM

Short Cut To Liquid Gas Is Developed

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—(AP)—A Yale University scientist has developed a machine which he said would materially shorten the time and cost of making liquid helium, available in large quantities for experiments in the conductivity of metals.

Cecil T. Lane, assistant professor of physics, said that the increased supply of the liquid gas would also aid in studying its properties.

He explained that if it were possible to produce an alloy superconductive at ordinary temperatures, electrical power could be transported great distances with no waste.

Lane's machine, which he named after Peter Kapitza, the celebrated Russian physicist who invented it, cost $5,000, took three years to build and turns out a quart of liquid helium in two hours at a cost of $5 whereas heretofore the same amount cost $50 and required 24 hours to produce.

The apparatus has eliminated the necessity of using hydrogen, a highly explosive element.

TO SPEND WINTER

COMBES—Mrs. Omar Johnson of Hammond, Ind., will spend the winter with her son, H. O. Johnson, and Mrs. Johnson.

New Technique For Brain Surgery Lessens Time Of Operations, And Reduces Blood Transfusion Cases

LOS ANGELES— (AP) —A new technique for brain surgery developed here is credited by Dr. Rupert B. Raney with reducing the time of operations and the number of cases requiring blood transfusions.

Speaking before the annual meeting of the Los Angeles Surgical Society, Dr. Raney said brain tumor removals formerly requiring four to five hours could be completed now in 50 minutes to an hour and one-half. He added:

"Under the former method it was advisable to give blood transfusions in approximately nine out of ten cases, whereas now transfusions are indicated in only about one in five."

The procedure involves use of small spring steel clips for holding the edges of the scalp after incision, instead of forceps, he explained.

Cameron County Agricultural Committee Remains Same For Year 1941

CHANGES MADE IN LINEUP OF LOCAL GROUPS

Communities Elect Seven New Men

HARLINGEN — The Cameron county agricultural conservation committee remained unchanged as a result of the annual election held here Saturday at which Mark F. Redford of Harlingen was re-elected chairman, J. R. Adams of La Feria, vice chairman; and Wilbur Wright of Brownsville, member. Carl L. Kaigler of Rangerville was chosen first alternate and J. P. Ellis of San Benito second alternate.

The county committee was chosen by delegates from the community committees.

Seven changes were made in community committees at elections held Friday night. The new members of community committees are W. F. Street at Brownsville, Carl O. Moore, Clay Mills and R. C. Carey at Harlingen, J. M. Saner at Rio Hondo, Lonie O. Moses at Los Fresnos and M. H. Scaief at San Benito.

Community Committees

Community committees for 1941 will be as follows:

Brownsville, Ferman G. Willis, chairman; Ottis W. Singer, vice chairman; W. F. Street, member; Miguel Fernandez, first alternate; W. L. Lipscomb, second alternate.

Harlingen, C. O. Moore, chairman; Clay Mills, vice chairman; R. C. Carey, member; James Marshall, first alternate; A. D. Perry, second alternate.

La Feria, Albert L. Bauer, chairman; Henry F. Harren, vice chairman; George W. Dewey, member; Royall H. Caldwell, first alternate; Lawrence R. Murphy, second alternate.

Rio Hondo, Emil A. Wick, chairman; J. M. Saner, vice chairman; Claude L. Day, member; Chester Grantham, first alternate; Curtis Kerr, second alternate.

Lupton Is Chairman

Los Fresnos, Harry M. Lupton, chairman; John F. Casey, vice chairman; Lonie O. Moses, member; Joe Frankie, first alternate; Ed Brown, second alternate.

San Benito, Carl L. Kaigler, chairman; Martin H. Scaief, vice chairman; Claude Shafer, member; J. C. Adair, first alternate; Ernest Long, second alternate.

Santa Rosa, George A. Eubanks, chairman; Homer W. White, vice chairman; Benjamin B. Ledbetter, member; Ira R. Elswick, first alternate and Murray Godfrey, second alternate.

Ladies Feted

McAllen Lions Stage Christmas Program

McALLEN—Seventy-five couples attended the annual Lions club Christmas ladies' night dinner meeting at the Casa de Palmas Hotel Friday.

With W. W. Dees as toastmaster an amusing program was presented, arranged by Jack Wilson, talltwister, and Mrs. Faye Jones, club piano accompanist.

During a mock trial conducted by Bill Nolen and Arthur Lee Hart each man present was fined small sums on trumped up charges. Proceeds were turned over to the Salvation Army's Christmas basket fund.

Miss Dorothy Mae Murray played solos on the viola harp, flute and piccolo with Mrs. Jones as organ accompanist; the McAllen high school mixed chorus, directed by Mrs. Lester Barnum, sang a group of special numbers from a Christmas cantata.

Probers Challenged In Louisiana Graft

SPRINGVILLE, La.—(AP)—The constitutionality of the Louisiana Crime Commission, which has $500,000 to use in pursuing graft and recovering any monies it deems due the state, was challenged in the district court Friday.

The legal action was taken by George M. Wallace, as attorney for Dewey E. Rushing, resigned treasurer of Livingston parish, against whom the commission brought suit three weeks ago seeking to recover more than $70,000. Rushing resigned as treasurer November 1.

Methodist Church To Honor Visitors

McALLEN—The regular monthly "winter visitors' night" will be observed Sunday night at the services at the First Methodist Church at 7:30 o'clock.

Monthly the services on the third Sunday night are dedicated to the city's visitors, Rev. F. H. Hamner, pastor, explained. Roll call of visitors is taken to determine which state has the greatest number of representatives listed.

This week the program will be presented by the Methodist Church choir.

Counter Attack By Italians Is Claimed

ROME — (AP) — Italian counter-attacks along the Egyptian-Libyan frontier have lightened the pressure of the British drive westward the Italian high command declared.

Six Gloster (British) fighter planes were shot down in air fights in which the Italians lost no planes although some returned to their bases with some of the crew members killed and wounded, a communique said.

Golden Gate Bridge Is Tarnished By More Than A Score Of Suicides

By SAM JACKSON
AP Feature Service Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The great bridge across the Golden Gate, a $33,000,000 engineering marvel with the greatest single span in the world, is acquiring a grim secondary reputation—that of a suicide bridge.

Since the bridge opened in 1937 there have been 23 known leaps to oblivion. The state highway patrol estimates that there have been at least as many more which went undetected.

The famous Colorado street bridge at Pasadena, Calif., counted 79 suicides before a protective fence was erected in 1937. Since then only three persons have been able to make the plunge.

An Editor Died There

Suicides during the brief career of the Golden Gate ridge have included those of a wealthy newspaper editor, a woman globe trotter, a prominent educator and a retired army colonel.

Automobiles are not allowed to stop on the mile-long span even for sightseeing. Not infrequently a parked car has attracted patrolmen who either by persuasion or quick physical action could prevent the leap.

Pedestrians are allowed on the bridge, and on week-ends are numerous. This handicaps safety efforts, since the walk is guarded only by a waist-high railing. On many days heavy fog shrouds the bridge.

One woman declined to pay her pedestrian toll of five cents on the ground that she was not going clear across, that she was going to leap off. She was detained for mental examination.

The drop from the center of the bridge to the Golden Gate waters below is 220 feet. Physicians say a jumper is killed instantly by the impact—that he does not drown.

Coast Guard Seeks Bodies

The force of such a fall was illustrated when Ray Woods jumped from the slightly lower San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge in 1937 as a stunt. Though a professional high diver, and protected by helmet and girdl , Woods broke his back and was pulled unconscious from the waters.

The coast guard searches for bodies of Golden Gate suicides but in many cases the tide carries them out to sea.

Numerous perosns have left instructions that their bodies be cremated and the ashes strewn from the bridge. The police will cooperate in this.



A drop of 220 feet has lured to the Golden Gate bridge at least 23 persons who could not wait for death. The impact kills them; they do not drown.

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King, Queen Comfort Homeless After Bombings, Writes English Friend To Mercedes Resident; Many Are Killed

MERCEDES — The king and queen visit scenes of German air raids and comfort the survivors, says a letter from England received here by Mrs. D. Karst this week.

Text of the letter follows:

My Dear Nellie:

Just a few lines to you hoping they will find you and your husband quite well as I am glad to say we are safe and well at present. We are sending you a small gift for Christmas and we hope you will have a nice time. I'm afraid it will be a very sad Christmas for a great many people here in the old country for there are so many that have lost dear ones through this awful war. Our native town has been bombed twice since I wrote to you last. You know the town I mean but of course I can't mention names.

Body Found Days Later

Two people from here were killed. A husband and wife went shopping and her body wasn't found for four days. I expect you remember her as a girl, Flossie Palmer. They live the last house up Ham Hill. They had no children. A Stoke girl living in the same town lost her boy and some people from a village about one and a half miles from here were blown to pieces. There were three of them, a husband, wife and their little child besides lots of others.

They bombed a lovely city this week up in the Midlands and there's about 1,000 casualties, and the beautiful cathedral is down to the ground. Hospitals, schools and poor peoples' homes. It's too awful for words. I don't know what that dreadful man and his gang ought to be done with.

Our king and queen are just wonderful. They go all over the place to see for themselves the awful damage and speak kind words of comfort and cheer to the people that have lost their homes and their loved ones. The doctors and nurses and other workers are doing splendid work amongst it all.

Don't Go Too Far

I am thankful to say we have escaped so far but one never knows and we are afraid to go far from our village. . . . We don't get a great many to chapel at night because of the blackout and lots of the young men are called up.

We were ever so glad that Mr. Roosevelt got in again as he is a tried man and we know he will do all in his power to help our country. We do hope your sister and nieces in London are still safe and well. . . .

There are lots of evacuees from London in this village . . .

From your loving friends,
ALICE and EVA.

Valley Beautiful

DORMANT PLANTS

By GEORGE H. PLETCHER, Jr.

TREES and shrubs dropping their leaves in the winter are called dormant and are in the deciduous classification. Plants of this type should be transplanted only during the time they are bare of foliage.

To transplant dormant trees and shrubs, it is not necessary to move a large ball of dirt with the plant, but a few simple rules can be followed ith excellent results. First dig the plant leaving as many roots as possible, then be very careful that they are kept moist until replanting. Remember it takes only 20 minutes exposure to damage bare roots. To plant a dormant shrub, dig a hole of sufficient size to spread the roots carefully in as near the same position as before digging. Press the soil in firmly and water the plant thoroughly. It is not necessary to keep the plant muddy but moist. Leafing will not start until spring.

Shrubs of this group are crepe myrtle, althea, rosebushes. Trees loosing their leaves are ash, chinaberry, mesquite, retama, willow, mulberry and tallow etc.

The months of dormancy varies according to the temperature. All of the above become dormant here, with the exception of the rosebush of which is listed because the dormant rose bush is so well known, being shipped in from East Texas. Their care in planting is especially important for good results.

Next week—Use of flowers and berries for the Christmas table.

Col. Donovan's Mum Enroute To London

LISBON, Portugal—(AP)—Col. William J. (Wild Bill) Donovan, en route to Europe on a mission that has not been publicly explained, arrived here by airplane late Saturday.

He declined to discuss his trip in any way save to remark:

"I am hoping to go to London."

Among the other passengers was a British diplomatic courier.

Friday 13th Jinx!

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—(AP)—That Friday the 13th jinx!

When stereotypers of the Albuquerque Journal put the final to bed at midnight, they found they had "lost" one page—page 13!

NEW TOURIST PARTY READY

McAllen Visitors Will Attend Program

McALLEN—Tourists of McAllen and neighboring cities will be guests at a special Christmas program to be presented by the Eva Ellen Miller Studio of Music and the Miller Violin Studio at Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 19. Accordions and violins will play the Christmas airs in special arrangements. The meeting will be the first night affair for tourists this season.

Monday at 9:30 a.m. the advance Spanish club will meet in Legion Hall and at 4 p.m. there will be a conducted tour to Reynosa, returning in time for the band concert at 7:15 and the religious parade at 8:15.

Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. C. E. Kerns will lead the motorcade to Raymondville for the celebration opening the new Kenedy county highway. At 9:30 a.m. the regular Spanish Club will meet in Legion Hall, followed at 11 a.m. by the Spanish Club. At 2 p.m., tourists will meet for games such as contract and auction bridge, pinochle, rummy and Chinese checkers.

Thursday at 7:30 p.m., the Miller Music Studios will entertain tourists at the first night meeting of the season with Christmas music. All tourists and winter visitors are asked to be present for the first roll call of states.

Friday at 9:30 a.m. there will be a meeting of the Spanish Club. At 11 a.m. Roy Johnston, All States Picnic president, has asked for a meeting of all local state presidents so that plans can be made for the All States picnic to be held in February in McAllen. At 2 p.m. the regular game party. At 9 p.m. there will be a dance for the tourists and their friends in the Schwingle Studio on South Broadway.

Nine Injured After Bus Falls 16 Feet

LAS VEGAS, N. M.—(AP)—Nine persons were injured shortly before midnight when a Greyhound bus plunged off a bridge 12 miles west of here on U. S. Highway 85.

The injured were brought to a Las Vegas hospital early Saturday.

Officers said the bus, of the small extra run type, dropped 16 feet into the Tectote Creek when it left the bridge, after averting a collision with an automobile.

Christmas Greeting Too Much For Thief

NEBRASKA CITY—(AP)—Claude Kastner advertised in a newspaper: "I wish a Merry Christmas to the person that stole my coat."

Next day a parcel came through the mails. In it was the missing coat.

Students Of Home-Owned Institution Step Ahead

The joy of being placed in a position of trust and responsibility has come to the following young people who have recently completed their Training of Technical Skill and Business Efficiency in the Harlingen Business College:

Mr. Clare Shafer, San Benito; Miss Nina Ruth Gossett, Lyford; Miss Gloria Pena, La Feria; Mrs. Jean Newell, Harlingen.

A recent check-up finds each one progressing favorably.—Adv.

LONG-STAPLE COTTON SEEN

Certified Seed Is Now Available Here

SAN BENITO—Some of the best state certified Sea Island cotton seed will be available for growers in this section this season, M. H. Scaief, secretary of the San Benito Gin Association, sponsor of the long-staple variety in the Valley.

The seed which will be distributed to growers here was grown under supervision of the experiment station at the University of Florida and will meet all requirements of the AAA program.

Scaief said Jack Lowrance, secretary of the Cameron County ACA, and members of the committee, had assured him of their co-operation in handling the long-staple this season. Cotton grown from state certified seed will not be required to grade one and one-half inches to be classed long staple provided it is ginned on a roller gin. Cotton not grown from state certified seed must measure one and one-half inches to be exempt from penalties.

The association ginned 70 bales of cotton last season, each weighing 300 to 400 pounds. Average price was 33 cents and some brought better than 34 cents, Scaief said. Experts declared it some of the finest grown. Some of the best yields were on the poorest types of sail that had proved almost unprofitable for growing short staple cotton.

Approximately $8,000 was realized in the San Benito community from the Sea Island last year, Scaief said, on the 70 experimental bales. The association will not handle the seed or cotton for a profit but as a service to interested farmers, the secretary said. Growers are urged to place their orders immediately, with deposits.

Day's Turtle Race Winners Announced

HARLINGEN—Thirteen winners in the turtle races held here Saturday under sponsorship of Day's Drug Store were announced Saturday night by H. E. Day, owner.

Of the many contestants, these received prizes: J. C. Lewis, Arthur Lozano, Donnie Means, Jack Grimm, Thomas Thompson, Mikey Thompson, Peggy Wyrick, Jo Ann Wyrick, Kyler Allison, Douglas Kelly, Clyde Kelly, Dorothy Denson, Dewit Paton.

German Funded Debt Is Said Much Higher

BERLIN—(AP)—The funded debt of the German Reich climbed from 33,600,000,000 marks to 37,700,000,000 marks between June 30 and Sept. 30, the ministry of finance announced.

During the same period the floating debt went from 22,780,000,000 to 28,330,000,000 marks. The ministry said the increase was due to issuance of the fifth and sixth issues of 1940 Reichs treasury 4 per cent bills and an increase in other loans.

Hours For Credit Bureau Extended

McALLEN—The offices of the Retail Merchants Credit Bureau at McAllen will remain open daily until 6 p.m. during the Christmas shopping season.

Mrs. Mary Combs, manager of the bureau, announced Saturday she was offering the service to the city's stores. The office will also be open next Saturday afternoon to assist merchants with credit reports.

St. Nick's 'Chute Drops Him On Roof

ROCHESTER, N. H. —(AP)— The fire department had to be called out when Santa Claus arrived in this city.

Descending in a parachute from an airplane, the good St. Nick made an unscheduled landing on the roof of a business block. Firemen, cheered by thousands of school children, brought him down over an extension ladder.

PASSES STATE TEST

MERCEDES—Donald Stotler, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Stotler of Mercedes, has received notice from the State Board of Embalming that he has passed the state examination given him by this Board recently.

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Garment Unionist Asks Renewal Of Old Contracts



David Dubinsky at Brownsville

BROWNSVILLE — Renewal of union contracts was the chief item on the mind of David Dubinsky, head of the International Garment Workers' union, as he paused here Saturday between planes at the conclusion of his "longest vacation."

Flying back to New York from Mexico City, Dubinsky said that renewal of contracts for 110,000 workers in eastern garment plants was coming up in February, and that was the major problem before him.

Dubinsky said he had been away from his desk for four weeks attending the AFL convention in New Orleans and attending the inauguration of President Avila Camacho in Mexico City. "That is the longest that I have been away from my work," he said, "and I am anxious to get back into action."

The labor situation in Mexico is caught in the cross-current at this time, Mr. Dubinsky believes, with a conservative administration likely to pull against the strongly pro-labor legislation fostered by the Cardenas administration.

All in all, he believes that the Mexican labor situation is "pretty good," but he expects the new administration to swing "too far to the right."

Dubinsky has led the reform movement in the ranks of AFL and at New Orleans sought to oust "undesirable" elements. He vigorously attacked AFL officials with criminal records and as a result was attacked in a New Orleans hotel. He was not seriously injured.

Dubinksy spoke in San Antonio before the ILTW Saturday afternoon before taking another plane for New York.

His daughter, Jeanne, is remaining in Mexico City for several weeks in continuing her vacation, Mr. Dubinsky said.

TEXAS DEBATE CLINIC ENDS

Three Schools Sweep Honors At Meet

AUSTIN —(AP)— Baylor, Texas Christian and Southern Methodist Universities swept honors in a six-way inter-collegiate debate clinic ended at the University of Texas Saturday.

Best individual speakers on the affirmative were Arthur Norris of T.C.U., first; Jack Shackelford of Baylor, second; and P. D. Williams, Jr., of S.M.U. third. Honors for negative debate went to Rufus Garrett of T.C.U. first; Ben Ramey of S.M.U. second; and Lester Kaminsky and Calvin Mansell, both of Baylor, tied for third.

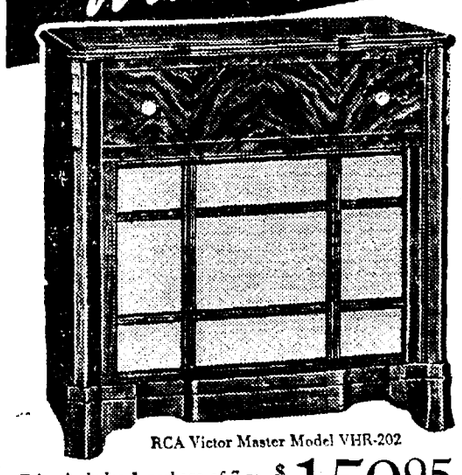
Subject was on increased resources taxes for Texas. Other competing schools were Kansas, Texas and Wichita Universities.

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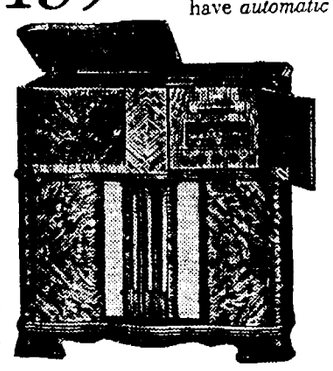
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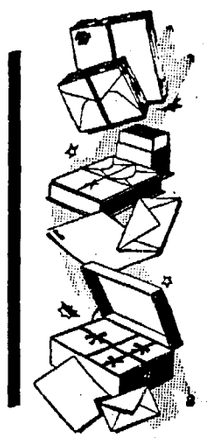
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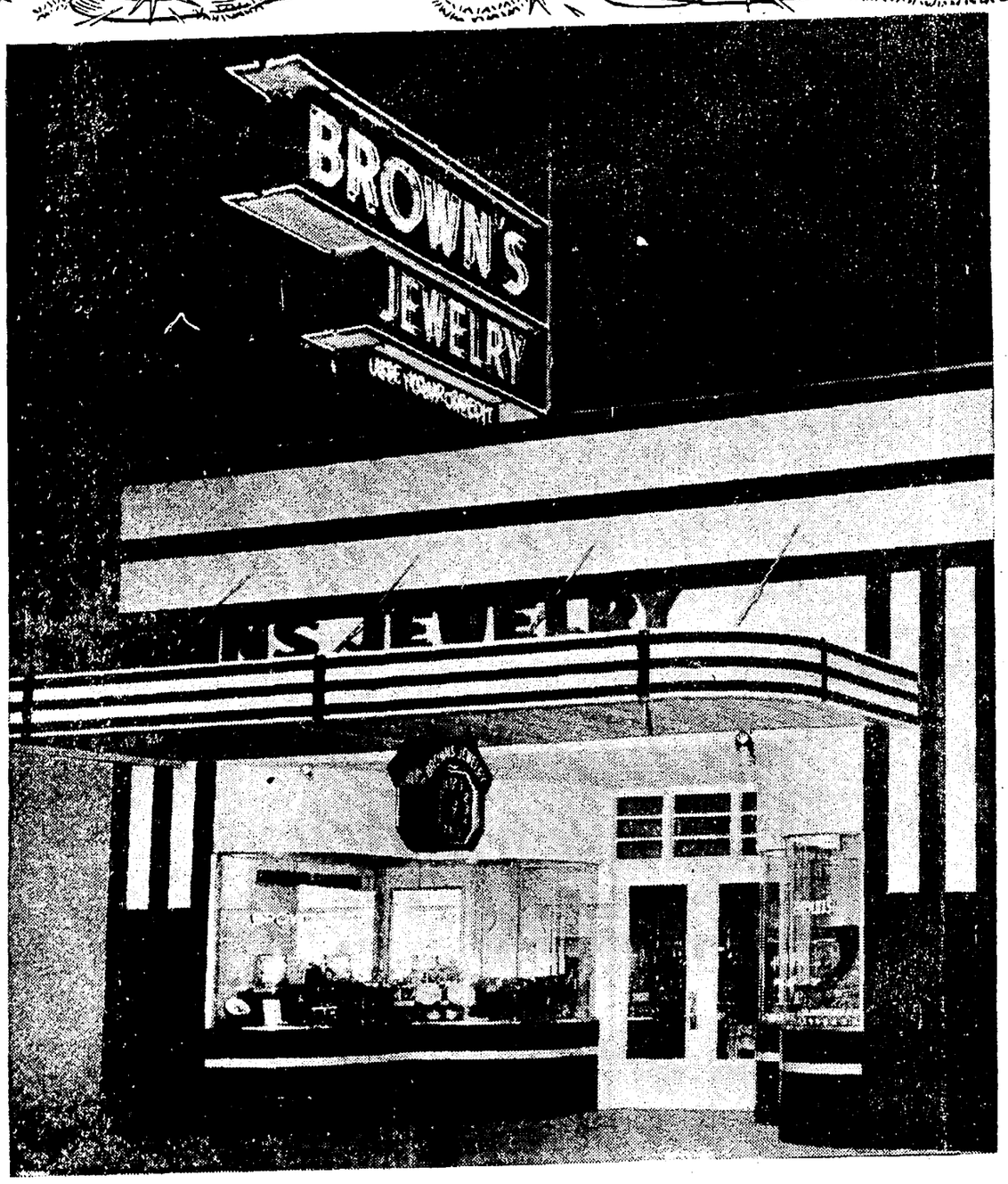
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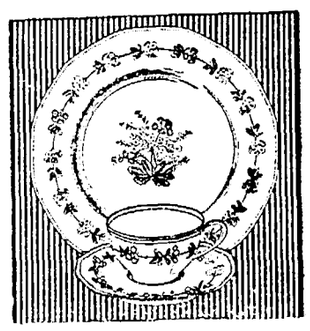
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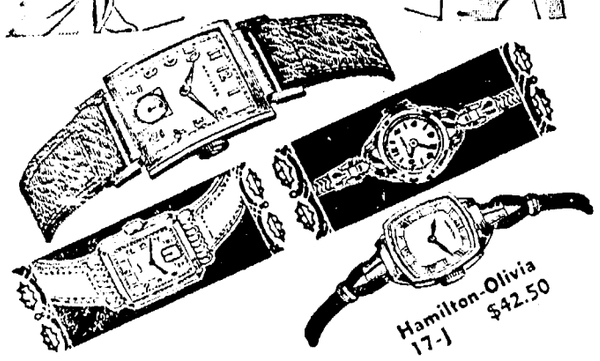
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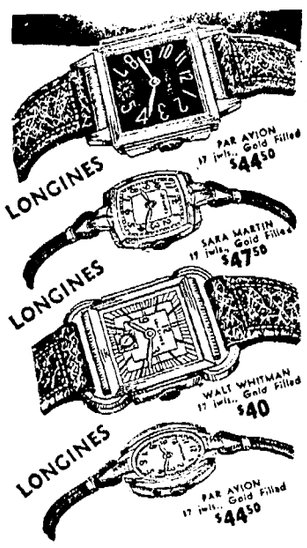
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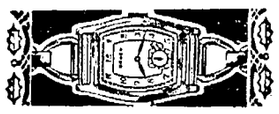






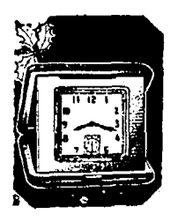
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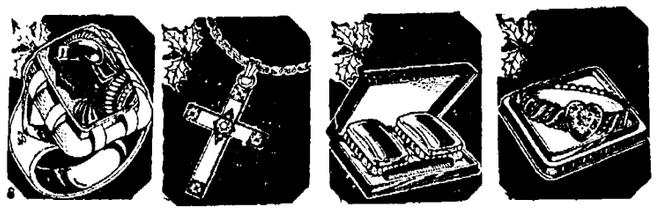
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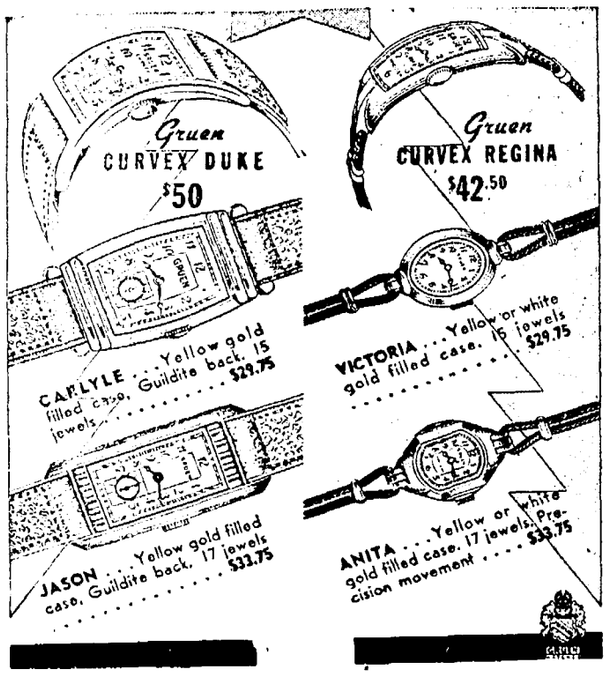
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SOIL CONTOUR WORK STARTS NEAR LA JOYA

Milton West's Farm Being Terraced

EDINBURG — A major contour terracing demonstration has been launched on a 150-acre section of the 700-acre ranch owned by Milton West in western Hidalgo county, J. A. Oswalt, Hidalgo farm agent, said Saturday.

Principal purpose of the work will be to show that such terracing on brush land will not only conserve rainfall but in time will result in the resodding to grass of much pasture land now bare, Oswalt said.

Eighteen contour lines 500 yards in length each, and eight lines 600 yards long, have already been run. A caterpillar tractor and grader owned by the county is being used under the direction of County Commissioner W. H. Douglass. The work is in the nature of an experiment but is more a demonstration, Oswalt said, since earlier experiments have proved that the system will succeed.

Thousands of acres of brush land in the county, the agent declared, could profitably undergo such improvements.

The West ranch, located four miles north of the big red La Joya school on the highway in western Hidalgo, has considerable rolling land, some of it with a grade of as much as four per cent. The new contours are being graded up with a 12-foot base and are 24 inches high.

Farmers or ranchers interested in the West ranch work may see it, Oswalt said, by turning off the main highway at a cattle guard about a quarter of a mile west of the school house and driving straight north about four miles.

One other terracing demonstration of a major nature has already been completed in the county. This is on the Henry Goedrich farm in the McCook district north of Mission. The big field not only has its terraces up but its rows as well, and much of the recent moisture which fell there has been conserved.

Oswalt estimated that, because of the contour of the ranch land on the West project, not more than 10 per cent of a recent five-inch rain in that area was actually conserved on the land and soaked into the soil.

West has agreed to keep his cattle off the demonstration tract for a year's time, thus giving the grass roots sufficient time in which to re-sod the land. After that, the terraces will continue to conserve moisture and keep the tract in good pasture condition.

New Mexico Cold

Sub - Freezing Mists Ice Storm Threat

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—(AP)—Below freezing cold and an icing mist spread over parts of eastern New Mexico Saturday night threatening a repetition of conditions which resulted in a disastrous ice-storm there and in the adjacent Texas Panhandle last month.

From Clayton in the extreme northeast corner to Clovis midway down the eastside, came reports of fog and mist amid icing temperatures. Clovis reported 20 degrees Saturday night.

Icing conditions on highways were blamed for several accidents with minor injuries to 10 persons near Clovis and 14 near Las Vegas and Raton in northern New Mexico.

Houston Man Named Opthalmists Chief

FORT WORTH—(AP)—Dr. E. L. Goer of Houston was elected president and San Antonio was chosen the 1941 meeting place at the close of the fifteenth annual session of the Texas Ophthalmological and Otolaryngological Society here Saturday.

Dr. Burbank Woodson, Temple, was named first vice president and Dr. F. W. Malone, Big Spring, second vice president.

Oil Traffic Halted On Account Of Fire

BUCHAREST, Rumania—(AP)—A communique issued by the Rumanian railroad said all traffic in the oil district between Ploesti and Buzau had either been suspended or rerouted because of the destruction of railroad lines over a bridge as a result of an oil pipeline fire.

The communique said the traffic will be interrupted five or six days.

Japanese Allowed One Towel Yearly

TOKYO—(AP)—Japanese will have to get along on one towel a year, starting in January, under a rationing system decreed by the ministry of commerce, Tokyo newspapers reported.

A ration card system already is in effect for bleached cotton and infants' underwear. Stricter rationing of gauze, absorbent cotton and condensed and powdered milk also is imminent, the press said.

More Men In Arms Means More Arms To Tattoo



F. L. Maranville explains for a fair client some of the equipment in his tattooing shop

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AP Feature Service

SAN FRANCISCO—Defense and conscription promise a boom for one of the oldest of arts—tatooing.

Already F. L. Maranville, who has set up shop near fast-growing Camp Ord, reports business is improving.

Young army recruits reinforce their patriotism by having Old Glory or the American eagle imprinted on their skins for life. Sometimes more tender sentiments rule, and they decide to go to battle—if battle comes—bearing an ornamental tribute to "Mother" or "Sweetheart."

This is all very cheering to Maranville, who takes pride in his profession and regrets that in recent years so many Americans have managed to get along with their skin plain and unadorned.

"The social security law helped some," he relates. "People had their numbers tattooed, and you'll admit that is a very safe and dependable way to keep them."

Tattooing has not changed essentially in centuries except for the invention of the electric needle, which works up and down, pushing ink beneath the skin. A practitioner like Maranville carries stencils of hundreds of designs. If you have some original idea of your own he'll draw it up to order.

Maranville's own back is covered by one of the favorite and most pretentious religious designs, "Rock of Ages."

Maranville finds most men get their first design on an arm, while women clients usually start with a leg.

Barn Not A Nuisance, Judge Rules; Damage Suit Brought Against Stock Raiser Still Remains To Be Tried

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MERCEDES—C. D. Ripley will not be required to move his nice new barn north of here, application of his neighbor, Charles G. Jones, Jr., for an injunction having been denied by Judge W. R. Blalock in 93rd district court at Edinburg, but the question of alleged damages remains to be settled.

Jones filed suit contending that Ripley's barnyard and adjacent premises constituted a nuisance. He asked for a temporary restraining order at the preliminary hearing this week and for a permanent injunction upon trial of the case. Judge Blalock sustained a demurrer to the pleadings, denying the restraining order.

Jones asked for $6,000 damages in the event his plea for relief was denied and the suit for damages remains to be tried on its merits.

Robert E. Kirkpatrick of Mercedes represented the defendants and Kelley and Looney of Edinburg represented the plaintiff.

Ripley recently constructed a concrete floored barn adjacent to the house in which Jones resides and began raising livestock. Ripley himself does not live on the same premises with his barn.

STORE MARKS ANNIVERSARY

McAllen Jeweler Is Valley Leader

McALLEN—Brown's Jewelry is celebrating its second anniversary this Christmas season in its new modernistic store at 117 South Main street.

The first jewelry firm in the Valley to advertise time payments to customers, beginning that practice four years ago, Brown's has increased its stock four-fold during that time.

Today Brown's carries one of the largest—if not the largest—and most complete stocks of nationally advertised watches and fine diamonds in the Valley.

"You do not have to go to the large cities now to buy large diamonds," says J. W. Brown, owner, "because we carry loose diamonds from one hundredth of a carat to over 3½ carats in weight." Diamond prices at Brown's range from $1 to over $3,000.

Brown's buys its diamonds directly from cutters and importers and is able to match stones for rings, earrings and other settings in virtually any size.

The firm also specializes in mountings, carrying a large stock of both gold and platinum mountings, and Brown and two other expert jewelers do all their own mounting. Brown's repair department recently has been enlarged and new equipment added, making it one of the best equipped repair departments south of San Antonio. Among the new equipment is a "Watch Master" testing unit used by watch manufacturers for testing their new watches. This unit, costing $720, is the only one south of San Antonio.

Colorado Storm Toll Increased To Seven

DENVER —(AP)— An automobile crash death increased Colorado's storm and cold fatalities to seven Saturday and a fire caused $10,000 damage at Colorado State College as the Rocky Mountain region experienced its bitterest cold wave of the season.

Slain Tots' Mother Is Adjudged Insane

PRINCETON, Ill.—(AP)—Mrs. Agnes Borg, 35-year-old farm wife whose two children were found shot to death in their home last Sunday, was adjudged insane in the Bureau county court Saturday.

After hearing a medical report, Judge Horace Brown directed that the woman be committed to the state mental hospital.

Western Prince Is Reported Torpedoed

NEW YORK—(AP)—Mackay Radio reported it had intercepted a message from the Portpatrick, Scotland, radio station that the 10,926-ton British liner Western Prince had been torpedoed about 400 miles northwest of the Irish coast at 1:02 a.m., C.S.T.

Oilman At Hereford Succumbs Saturday

HEREFORD—(AP)—T. E. Seigler, 56, prominent oilman and rancher-man, died here Saturday. He came here in 1927 from Olney where he still maintained oil interests and also at Wichita Falls. He operated a large Hereford ranch and extensive wheat farms in this area.

GUEST FROM MISSOURI

SAN JUAN — O. Y. Wager of Neosho, Missouri, paid a pleasant call at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Thompson Tuesday morning. Mr. Wager arrived Sunday morning and will visit in the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Shull, at Progreso, until next February. This grand old man of 85 years, is as "spry" as the average man at 60. He is a close friend of Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Corbett of Neosho, who are life-long friends of Mrs. Thompson.

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2. (a) Harold Lloyd. (b) Charlie Chaplin produced and directed "A Woman of Paris" but did not appear in it. (Adolphe Menjou and Edna Purviance did.)
3. (a) Fred Allen (Gracie). (b) Gladys Cooper (Gary), (c) Preston Foster (Robert Preston).
4. (a) Gail Patrick and Robert Cobb's. (b) James Stewart's. (c) Sterling Holloway's.
5. (a) Gary Cooper in "North West Mounted Police." (b) "Arise My Love." (c) In "The Great Dictator" Chaplin's barber is mistaken for Chaplin's dictator and thus is permitted to make a speech.

TEACHERS ARE BOUND BY LAW

Like Pupils, Should Salute Flag

AUSTIN—(AP)—Attorney General Gerald C. Mann said in an opinion Saturday the board of trustees can discharge a public school teacher for refusal to salute or have proper reverence for the flag.

He cited a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States which held that the Minersville school district of Pennsylvania, could require pupils to engage in patriotic exercises and to enforce participation by expulsion for non-compliance.

"It is unthinkable that the courts would sustain such a rule or regulation as to the school children and deny its enforcement as to the teacher," Mann added.

Teachers Are Bound

His opinion was sought by the state education department which submitted a copy of a teacher contract made by the Amarillo independent school district. Mann declared the contract bound the teacher to observe all rules and regulations of the board of trustees and the board was given full management and control of the school district by the legislature in 1909.

As long as the rules are adopted and promulgated properly the board can require a teacher to salute the flag and may also exclude from school pupils who refuse to salute it, he said.

Citrus Shipped

Waco Orphans Home Gets Fruit

McALLEN—A total of 1,100 bushels of citrus fruit was forwarded to the Methodist Orphans Home at Waco by the Valley's Methodist churches last week, Rev. F. H. Hamner, pastor of the local church, announced Saturday.

All Valley churches were represented in the shipment. One freight carload was shipped with two truck loads, Rev Hamner said.

The fruit is sent annually at Christmas to the church home.

Army Standing Firm As Hillman Vetoes Contracts For Ford

WASHINGTON —(AP)— A protest by Sidney Hillman, labor member of the defense commission, failed Saturday to produce signs that the war department would withhold contracts with the Ford Motor Company involving about $2,000,000.

On the contrary, authoritative predictions were forthcoming that the contracts would be signed, possibly next week, regardless of the lack of stipulations that the Ford Company should comply with all federal labor laws and a controversy stirred by disclosure of Hillman's protest.

Sermons At Baptist Services Announced

HARLINGEN—Rev. E. Douglas Carver, pastor of the First Baptist church here, will preach on "Christ Or Chaos," at the Sunday morning service. Prelude will be "Temple Prelude," Dekrali; offertory will be "Cantabile e Mesto," Haydn, and the anthem, "That Glorious Christmas Morn," Price.

At the evening service Reverend Carver will use as his text "Sitting Down They Watched Him There." Music will include the prelude, "Pastorale," the offertory by Grieg, and the anthem, "A Christmas Carol."

Kingsville Dean Is Head Of Alamo Loop

DALLAS—(AP)—Dean L. J. Smith of Texas A. and I. College, Kingsville, Saturday was elected president of the Alamo Conference.

Dr. D. A. Shirley, dean at West Texas State, was named vice president.

Texas A. and I. asked to hold the tennis and golf championships at Kingsville in May but final action was deferred.



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Valley Fruit Gets Good Publicity



Fruit donated by Valley citrus shippers and canners was used effectively by J. E. McDonald, state commissioner of agriculture, and others at the twenty-third annual session of the National Association of Commissioners and Secretaries of Agriculture held recently at New Orleans. In addition to displays of citrus in lobby of the convention hotel, each commissioner received an attractive sack of Texas citrus and canned juice. Texas pink grapefruit also was served at the banquet. Texas people at the convention and shown above included Hart T. Longino, Harlingen, supervisor Texas-Federal Inspection Service; Mrs. Hart T. Longino; Mrs. J. E. McDonald; J. E. McDonald; Stanley B. Crockett, Harlingen; Mrs. Stanley B. Crockett; Jerry Mallory, Harlingen, and Wayne Fletcher, McAllen.

FLYERS MUST KNOW SPANISH

Air Corps Students Study Language

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—(AP)—Col. Floyd E. Galloway, commandant, has ordered every air corps officer at the Southeast Advance Flying School to enroll in Spanish classes.

Col. Galloway said classes would be continued until students become sufficiently proficient "to make themselves understood and to understand ordinary conversational Spanish."

Increasing relations with Spanish speaking nations have made it desirable, military authorities said, for air corps officers to master rudiments of the language.

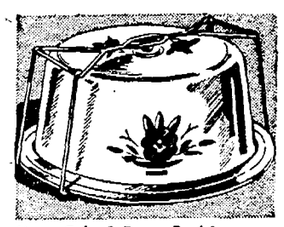
Danish Children To Be Fed With Carrots

BERLIN—(AP)—DNB, official German news agency, reported Danish school children will be fed 4,000 tons of carrots to replace vitamins unobtainable because of the shortage of butter, oleomargarine and cod liver oil.

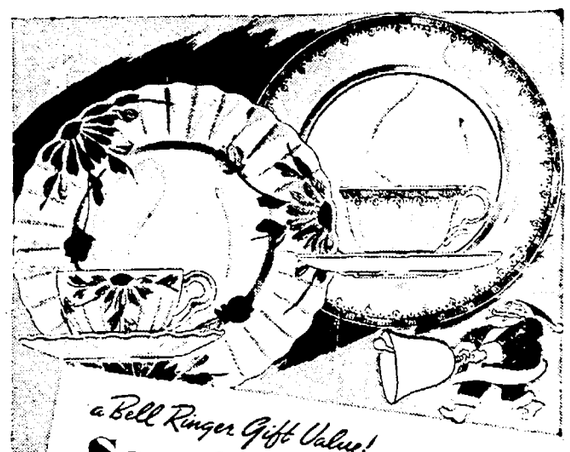
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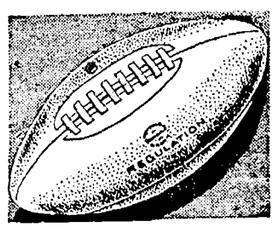
PHARR—Wiley Slayton has gone to Neilsville, Wisconsin, to join his wife who has been visiting her mother there for several weeks. They will spend the holidays there.

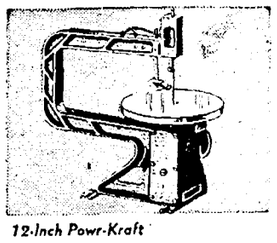
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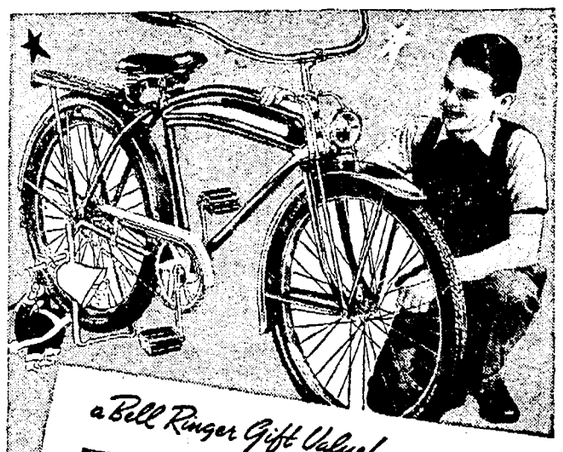

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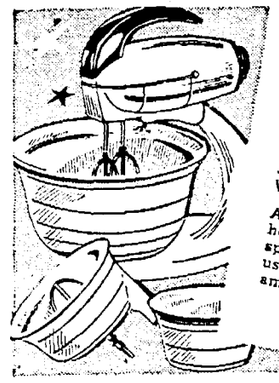

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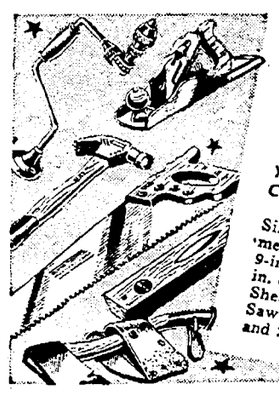

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DIAMOND LOOP OF LONG AGO NOW FINISHED

Hug-Coast Highway Is Final Link

RAYMONDVILLE—When Raymondville's big Road Opening Celebration is staged on December 17, it will mean the completion of not one, but two long sought highways for South Texas.

True, most people who come to the celebration from upstate points will think of the fete as observing completion of the Hug-The-Coast Highway and its famous last link, the Kenedy County Road. To many the chief significance of the Kenedy road completion will be the shortening of motoring distances between the Lower Rio Grande Valley and such points as Houston, Corpus Christi, Galveston, Orange, and such other cities as San Antonio and Austin.

But to Valley and Southwest Texas folks it will mean also the completion of another roadway which has been a goal of highway workers for the past 27 years. It will mean the old "Diamond Loop" highway has at last become a reality.

Still See Emblem

On December 17 in Raymondville numerous cars will be seen on the streets bearing the Diamond Loop emblem, which former members and boosters for the Diamond Loop Highway Association will have dug out of their attics and old trunks to put on their cars in celebration of the completion of this highway.

The Diamond Loop, as originally laid out, extends from the Valley to Corpus Christi, then to San Antonio, to Laredo and back to the Valley. Late in 1913, J. A. Graham, county commissioner of Cameron county, living in San Benito, proposed a highway from the Valley to Laredo along the Rio Grande river, then to San Antonio, with the idea in mind of attracting tourists to these scenic portions of Texas.

A year later, Mr. Graham made a trip over the proposed route to Laredo and on to San Antonio, and then recommended to the Texas Good Roads Association that a Loop Highway be built and be called the Diamond Loop Highway of Texas. Then on December 10 of that year, John W. Warren, president, and D. C. Colp, secretary, of the association approved the plan and promised to help organize such an organization and build the proposed highway. In the same week the Cameron county commissioners court approved the plan.

Conrad Laid Route

Verne L. Conrad, Brownsville engineer, laid out a route from the Valley to Corpus Christi through the sandhills of Kenedy County, this being six years before Willacy county was formed. Conrad selected a route nearly in the same location as that over which the Hug-The-Coast Highway link has been constructed.

Two of the men to whom the opening of the two highways will mean much are E. W. Archer of Lyford and Nat Wetzel of Raymondville, men who not only have worked for many years on the Diamond Loop and Hug-The-Coast highways, but who have been enthusiasts for all good roads campaigns for the Valley.

There must be considerable satisfaction for Mr. Archer in having these two long-awaited roads completed. For, many years ago he made a one-man stand in Brownsville for concrete roads in place of gravel roads, that set the concrete pattern for roads in the Valley section. His spirited stand for concrete, made in the presence of many who advocated the cheaper gravel roads, made such a tremendous hit with all his listeners, that he was asked to incorporate the substance of his speech in a resolution favoring concrete. The resolution carried, and Cameron's first paving became concrete. Cameron County Judge Oscar Dancy has kept them concrete.

Nat Wetzel Leader

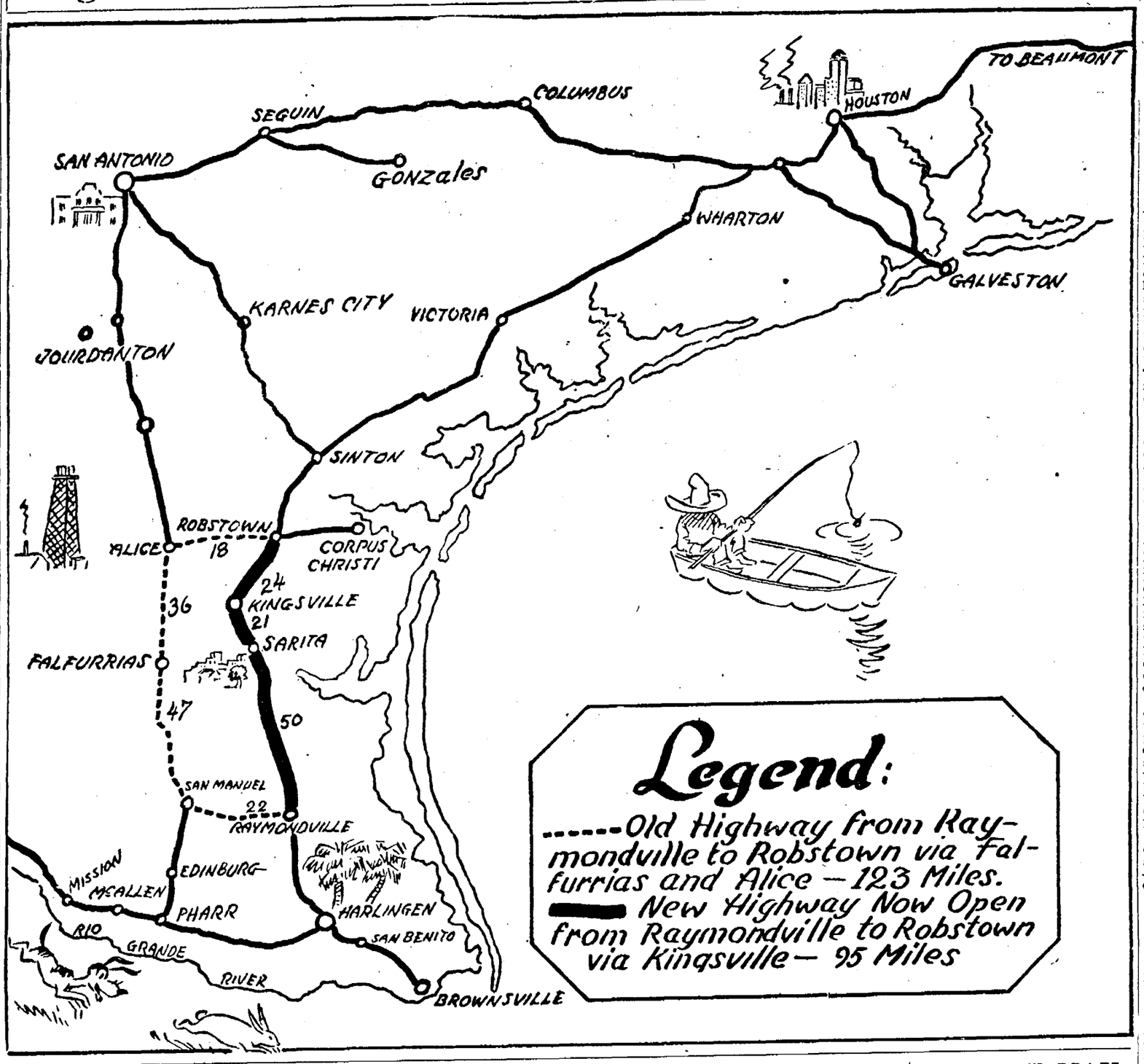
Later, when Willacy county was formed, Mr. Archer, whose home town was included in the new county, organized a committee to push for concrete roads in Willacy county. Nat Wetzel was elected president, with other members being Mr. Archer, C. E. Boner of Raymondville, Conrad Bostrom of Lyford and Karl Duddlesten of Sebastian, now of Raymondville.

This committee worked for good roads until a concrete road running from Raymondville north eight miles to the Kenedy county line had been built, completing a hard-surfaced road through the county. Then Wetzel continued the fight for the road through Kenedy county, though the committee has never disbanded. Mr. Wetzel has devoted major portion of his time and energies since that time and for many years before, to the eventual completion of a paved highway through Kenedy county, to complete the Diamond Loop and the Hug-The-Coast, and to give Raymondville and Willacy county a needed and deserved outlet to the north.

Mr. Graham and others who joined him in inaugurating the Diamond Loop idea in 1913 made numerous trips over the proposed route endeavoring to create enthusiasm and organize the communities to push construction of the loop. During April and May of 1915, Mr. Graham and D. C. Colp organized 13 local Diamond Loop Highway Association chapters. Mr. Graham was president of the San Benito association with Dr. A. C. Seiser as secretary. A. C. Burton was named president at Raymondville with Charles M. Kennedy as secretary.

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Hug-The-Coast Highway To Shorten Trips To Upstate Points



Snip Of Scissors To Open Kenedy Highway

Dream Of Generations Materializes Tuesday When Hug-The-Coast Highway Opens

RAYMONDVILLE—They're going to open State Highway 96—better known as the Kenedy county road—Tuesday, and the snip of a pair of scissors held in the hand of State Highway Commissioner Harry Hines will sound a new note of progress for South Texas when the ribbon he cuts falls away and opens the new road to traffic.

The snip of that pair of scissors will be a historic snip, for when the scissors close on the ribbon, completion of a 27-year-dream of a highway loop—the old Diamond Loop Highway Association's dream—will have been marked, the Lower Rio Grande Valley will have obtained a new—and its second—paved highway outlet to the north, the first state highway will have been completed across Kenedy county, one of the last in Texas to be traversed by the state highway system, and one of the most important highway-building projects ever planned by Texas Highway Commission engineers will have been carried to completion.

Started In 1913

It was in 1913 that J. A. Graham of San Benito, a Cameron county commissioner at the time, proposed a highway from the Valley to Laredo and thence to San Antonio, with the idea of attracting more tourists to scenic South Texas. In December, 1913, John W. Warren, president, and D. E. Colp of San Antonio, secretary, of the Texas Good Roads Association helped Valley interests organize the Diamond Loop Highway Association, and Graham employed V. L. Conrad, Brownsville engineer, to make the first survey of the Kenedy county section of the Diamond Loop. That was in 1915, six years before Willacy county was organized. A total of 13 Diamond Loop Highway local clubs were formed in various parts of South Texas.

South Texas old-timers and former Diamond Loop Highway Association members and supporters are expected to dig out the old association car emblems and sport them in considerable number Tuesday, because the Kenedy county road is the last link in the Diamond Loop—from the Valley to Laredo to San Antonio to Corpus Christi and back to the Valley.

State Highway 96 opens the eastern section of the Valley—Cameron and Willacy counties, in particular—to direct traffic with Corpus Christi, the great Coastal Bend and Houston. Heretofore, traffic from those cities could drive along the coast as far south as Corpus Christi and Kingsville, but then they were required to detour around Kenedy county, traveling west to U. S. 281, entering the Valley through Edinburg, then turning east once more to reach any destination east of U. S. 281. The 49-mile stretch across Kenedy county, directly connecting the southern and northern lines of Kenedy county for the first time with a usable highway, will reduce the distance between Corpus Christi and the Valley 40 to 50 miles, or three gallons of gasoline and an hour's time.

Makes Modern History

This highway also made modern history, in addition to bringing a 27-year-long campaign for the Diamond Loop to a successful close. Probably no state in the union offers as many obstacles to successful road-building as Texas because of the wide range of its types of soil and its attendant problems as related to road construction. South Texas is no exception to the rule that even road-building problems are different from those of other sections of the state, but the Kenedy county road provided a problem different from any other in the entire county. The road traversed almost bottomless deposits of fine white sand. For centuries, apparently, the sand dunes have been blown inland from the Gulf of Mexico beaches. Building a modern road over a sand base has more than its ordinary difficulties. That's why the Kenedy county road is the first of its kind ever built in the United States and why it has become known as the Texas Highway Department's "soil stabilization project." Engineers took this fine sand, mixed it thoroughly with cement by adding a very small amount of water, spread the mixture on the road-bed under exact conditions, rolled it compactly before it could begin to "set up," then "sealed" it for four weeks to let it "cure" properly, finally topped it with asphalt. The mere listing of those details tells practically nothing of the many difficulties that beset engineers on this particular highway, but for the first time, the shifting sands of Kenedy county have been conquered. After the road was

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WILLACY IS DRESSED UP

City Preparing For Big Celebration

RAYMONDVILLE—Everything is ready for the big celebration of the closing of the last gap in the Hug-the-Coast Highway in Raymondville next Tuesday. The town began to take on a fiesta appearance the middle of the week. Store fronts began to blossom out in decorations, flags and bunting appeared over night on all of the business houses and streams across the streets have been put up and Raymondville is all dressed up for the celebration. Even the store windows took on a more Christmasy appearance and a feeling of fiesta began to circulate throughout the whole city.

Stands, booths and tables have sprung up on and near the athletic field where most of the entertainments will occur and where the multitudes will be fed. The carnival has arrived and set up its tents and stands and everyone has a smile of welcome on their faces and is ready to show the largest crowd ever assembled in any town in the Valley one of the finest days they have ever enjoyed.

Early Monday morning a large calvacade of cars will leave Raymondville on their tour of the Valley, advertising the celebration. It will be led by several cars of the Texas Highway Patrol and a large Missouri Pacific bus with the Raymondville high school band.

The schedule of the Valley tour is as follows and they want everyone in the Valley to meet them and then on Tuesday go to Raymondvilmle and enjoy the celebration:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Raymondville	8:00 a. m.
Brownsville	9:15- 9:30
San Benito	10:00-10:15
Harlingen	10:30-10:45
La Feria	11:05-11:20
Mercedes	11:45-12:00
Weslaco—Dinner	12:10- 1:00
K. R. G. V.	1:15- 1:30
Donna	1:45- 2:00
Alamo	2:10- 2:25
San Juan	2:35- 2:50
Pharr	3:00- 3:15
McAllen	3:25- 3:40
Mission	3:55- 4:10
Edinburg	4:45- 5:00
Edcouch	5:20- 5:35
Elsa	5:40- 5:55
Hargill	6:20- 6:35
Home.	

NEW CACHET TO BE USED

Many From Mexico To Attend Fete

RAYMONDVILLE—The celebration at Raymondville next Tuesday is truly taking on an international aspect. Many friends from Mexico have written to the various committees stating that they will be at the celebration. V. Sabin, cachet director in his weekly report to the Steering Committee stated that his returns from the Cachet announcement were much larger than expected. Many notes of appreciation and interest having been received as well as requests for more information concerning the Rio Grande Valley and the highway. He further said that envelopes for Cachets had been received. In addition to this, interested persons in 32 states of the union had sent in envelopes to be cacheted. The largest bundle being composed of 24 from a gentleman in California.

The cachet will be printed in blue on the left hand side of the envelope. It will be 2 3-4 inches in diameter and circular in form, showing the Gulf coast area of Texas and the Hug-the-Coast Highway. It was designed by Mrs. Mary Portman of Raymondville, one of the Valley's better known poets and artists.

Those desiring cachets may send as many stamped and addressed envelopes as they desire to V. Sabin, cachet director, Raymondville, Texas, before December 17. There is no charge for this service, although during the day of the celebration Boy Scouts will have cachet envelopes on sale, the proceeds of which will go to the purchase of their individual uniforms.

Programs and a novel souvenir of the celebration have been prepared by Mr. Sabin, who is acting as publicity director, the souvenir is a three-fold folder the cover showing a large map of the Hug-the-Coast Highway, while the interior of the folder gives the routing from the Louisiana line to the Mexican border in the Valley, and in lighter type points of historic interest and beauty along the route are mentioned and the shortest route to them is shown. On the last page of the folder is given information about the Rio Grande Valley, Willacy county and Raymondville, making it not only a unique souvenir but one of value to anyone contemplating using the highway at any time.

SLIGHTLY INJURED

SAN JUAN—O. S. V. Ross, who was knocked down by a car in Mercedes Monday afternoon, but save a few bruises on his hands, he is no worse for the mishap

There'll Be Something Doing Every Minute Of The Day; Elaborate Program Has Been Planned For Celebration

Bingo Game Slated; Bands And Food, Too

RANGERVILLE—The program for the celebration to be held in Raymondville Tuesday has been so arranged that every minute of the day has something doing, and most of the time it will be like a three-ring circus, the program starts at 9:30 a.m. and continues until after midnight. Features which are to be going on most of the day include the All Day Bingo game. Demonstration clubs exhibit, Monty the educated Belgian police dog, the Charro group from Brownsville and one of the largest carnival companies ever to set up in Raymondville.

Band concerts and music by at least six bands throughout the day. Parades of the various delegations headed by their own bands, big band parade at 10:00, rodeo parade at 1:30 with at least two bands participating, at 2:30 the rodeo will start at the rodeo grounds just east of Raymondville on Highway 186, the daughter of the late Tom Mix will be featured and many daring riders, and cow boys and plenty of comedy will give those interested a full afternoon of amusement. The San Benito band will furnish the music for the rodeo during the afternoon.

Free lunch and coffee will be served near the athletic field during the noon hour. During the afternoon at stated times there will be a wild animal act, trained elephants, etc. All of the entertainments throughout the day excepting the rodeo and carnival will be free.

At 6:45 the Vesper services of the First Methodist Church will ring out over the celebration. Arrangements have been made to broadcast the music from the organ to all parts of Raymondville

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Kansas Town Staves Off Xmas Blackout

COLUMBUS, Kan.—(AP)—The citizens of the southeast Kansas community of 3,280 donated enough money Friday to keep the street lights burning.

An economic blackout had been scheduled to start operating Friday night and for every night—through Christmas—the rest of the month because the light fund is in arrears.

Official Program

RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS

9:15 to 9:45 a.m.

Band Concert—Raymondville high school band, north of Magnolia filling station.

10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Band parade—All bands. Form at Third and Hidalgo avenue. Go east on Hidalgo avenue to Seventh street. South on Seventh street to athletic field.

11:00 a.m.

Arrival of Caravan from all towns along the Hug-the-Coast Highway at the Willacy-Kenedy county line, seven miles north of Raymondville on the Hug-the-Coast Highway.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

County Judge Chas. R. Johnson; Commissioners, Cleo Gilliland, R. D. Teague, Tom King, Cruz Williams and Roger F. Robinson.

Cutting of ribbon—Members of Texas Highway Commission, Brady Gentry, chairman; R. Lee Bobbett and Harry Hines. Music by Brownsville high school band.

11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ATHLETIC FIELD

Welcome address—Hon. W. H. Bostick, mayor of Raymondville.

Addresses by—Grady Gentry, R. Lee Bobbett, Harry Hines, Texas Highway Commissioners. Congressman Milton West, Congressman Richard Kleberg, Representative Rogers Kelley, Elmer Pope of Corpus Christi and others.

12:30 p.m.

Free lunch at athletic field.

12:30 to 1:15

Band concert—Fort Brown band at athletic field.

1:30 p.m.

Rodeo parade—San Benito and Lyford high school bands. West from rodeo grounds on Hidalgo avenue. (Highway 186) to Third street south on Third to Kimball. East on Kimball to Eigth street. Disband.

2:00 to 2:45

Band concert—Harlingen high school band at athletic field.

2:30 to 5:00

H. T. Cragg Rodeo—One mile east on Highway 186.

BARBECUE AND RODEO 75c

Featuring Ruth Mix Cragg, daughter of late Tom Mix. Music by San Benito high school band.

2:45 to 3:30

Band Concert—Brownsville high school band at athletic field.

3:30 to 4:00

Band concert—Lyford high school band at athletic field.

4:00 p.m.

Wild animal act—Trained lions (free). Capt. Alfredo Rousetta. Athletic field.

4:30 p.m.

Performing elephants on streets of Raymondville.

6:45 p.m.

Christmas Organ Vesper Services—First Methodist Church, Third and Hidalgo. Mrs. B. S. Wright, organist.

7:30 p.m.

Boy Scout Jamboree—Indian Fire Lighting Ceremony. Athletic Field. Admission free.

Court of Honor.

Recognition of Star, Life and Eagle Scouts for the year 1940.

1500 Rio Grande Valley Scouts to participate.

Arnold H. Dryer, district Scout executive; Ralph Cissne, field Scout executive.

8:30 p.m.

Free street dance—One block west of depot.

All-Day Long

Bingo games, Home Demonstration Clubs exhibits of farm and home products of Willacy county—South Seventh street.

Monty, the Wonder, trained Belgian police dog—On streets of Raymondville.

Charro Days sample, Brownsville, Texas—On streets of Raymondville.

WEATHER MAY BE GOOD, TOO

Expert Says Records Favor It

RAYMONDVILLE—C. E. Norquist, Meteorologist in charge of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau in Houston, informed members of the Committee that they had picked a very good day for the Celebration if the past record of the last ten years had anything to do with it. His records show that in the past ten years, on December 17, not a drop of rain has fallen in Raymondville. Five of the days have been clear, two have been partly cloudy and three have been cloudy. The maximum temperature has ranged from 49 degrees to 83 degrees, two of the ten days were in the 80's, three in the 70's with an average of 77.6 degrees. So the outlook in comparison with the past ten years appears to be very good for a wonderful day and a wonderful celebration.

Raymondville and the whole Valley are counting on the weatherman being correct.

Cotton Consumption In November Gains

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Census Bureau reported Saturday that cotton consumed during November totaled 744,088 bales of lint and 108,117 of linters, compared with 770,702 and 112,362 in October this year, and 718,719 and 91,271 in November last year.

Austin Guard Unit Reaches Its Quota

AUSTIN—(AP)—An Austin company of Texas defense guards sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars has reached its quota of 64 enlisted men, Captain James Franklin Miller, commanding officer, announced Saturday.

Captain Miller said the unit's first and second officers were Lieutenants Henry Cain and A. Page Campbell. Weekly drills are contemplated.

Hondo Man Is Found Shot Near His Car

HONDO—(AP)—Alfred M. Finger, 48, former Hondo postmaster, was found shot to death near his car by the highway late Friday. Investigating officers believe that he had stopped to hunt game and his gun accidentally discharged as he attempted to remove it from his car. He was returning from his ranch at D'Hanis.

Pecos Driver Killed

SWEETWATER —(AP)— Grady Durbin, about 38, of Pecos was killed early Saturday when a truck he was driving collided with another car on U. S. Highway 80, five miles west of here.

Fifteen Years Ago Far-Sighted Willacy Woman Wrote Theme Song For Hug-The-Coast Highway; Used Now

RAYMONDVILLE — Fifteen years ago Mrs. Daisy Glick Stevenson, a long-time resident of Lyford, saw a glorious future for Willacy County; dreamed of a day when the Hug-the-Coast Highway would open up and people—seeking recreation and health—would come into the Rio Grande Volley through this gateway from all parts of the United States and Canada.

With a picture of this in her mind Mrs. Stevenson wrote a poem she entiled "Along the Bay" and set it to lilting melody. But though the Red Fish Bay Association was formed and a road opened to the Bay, the Hug-the-Coast Highway, for some reason or other, just didn't ocme through.

The song, published by a music company, was sadly tucked away with other dreams and memories and almost forgotten in the active life the author lived.

One day rumors of the opening of the highway were heard, but not much heed was given; for after fifteen years one gets used to rumors. And then came news of a definite date set for the occasion and suddenly Mrs. Stevenson thought of the song she wrote so long ago—the song with the lilting melody. Into the storage room she went and came forth with precious copies of "Along the Bay."

And now it is going to be used for the theme song of the Hug-the-Coast Highway Opening Celebration on December 17th. E. V. Rinner, director of the Raymondville High School Band is arranging it for his students, and the band, wearing their new West Point style uniforms of royal blue and French gray and bedecked with gold braid and buttons will swing down the street to its melody and throughout the day will feature this song dedicated by Mrs. Stevenson to the Hug-th-Coast Highway Celebration.

And Mrs. Stevenson who is an artist, poet and writer and vice president of the South Texas Composers and Authors Association smiles shyly and modestly says: "I want my song to glorify the Highway, and the Valley and the Composers and Authors Association."

SCOUTS HELP MAKE SHOW BIG SUCCESS

Dryer In Charge Of Elaborate Event

RAYMONDVILLE—One of the most interesting and spectacular events of the Hug the Coast Highway Celebration to be held in Raymondville on December 17 will be the Boy Scout Program. Arnold H. Dryer, District Scout Executive, and Ralph Cissne, Field Scout Executive, have been working on the program for the past two weeks, and they have visited most of the Scout troops in the Valley with the result that they feel sure this will be the largest Boy Scout gathering ever held in the Rio Grande Valley. S. E. Smith, Scout Master of the Raymondville Troop, states that from the replies to the letters sent out last week to all Valley Scout Masters, he feels assured that the number of Scouts who will take part will be close to 1500.

This is to be one of the free entertainments offered by the celebration committee and will be held on the Raymondville High School Athletic Field, and there is no doubt but that it will leave an impression on all those who attend.

Tents On Field

The plan at present time is that the tents of the Scouts will be pitched at the extreme west end of the football field. The platform on which the Firelighting Ceremony is to be performed will be in front of these. The Scouts will be formed in large circles, one inside the other, in the center of the field and the bleachers on both sides of the field will accommodate several thousand spectators.

Their program will start promptly at 7:30, as many will have quite a distance to drive in returning to their homes. First on the program is the Indian Firelighting Ceremony, which will be under the direct supervision of Ralph Cissne, Field Scout Executive of the Valley Council, and those who have seen this feature claim it to be one of the most impressive and inspiring spectacles they have ever seen. Following this, Mr. Cissne will narrate an Indian Legend, and he is able to hold spellbound, not only the Scouts but the older audience as well. His story telling ability is one of the things that has raised him to the high position which he holds in Scout work in the Rio Grande Valley.

Colors Presented

Following this will be the presentation of the Colors, which will bring every true blooded American to his feet with a thrill that he has not felt for years, when the massed bugles ring out "To the Colors." Each troop will give a short well planned stunt, song or yell just preceding the Court of Honor in which the Scouts of Willacy County will be advanced according to their proficiency.

Arnold H. Dryer, District Scout Executive, will then recognize and introduce all "Star," "Life" and "Eagle" Scouts of the entire Rio Grande Valley who have attained these ratings during the year 1940. Following this Mr. Cissne will give one of his famous One Man Plays in which it is said that he keeps everyone in a paroxym of laughter from start to finish. Next all Scouts will join in the song, "God Bless America" which was dedicated to all Boy Scouts of America by Irvin Berlin, its composer. Following this will be the Scoutmaster's Benediction and then "Taps" by the massed buglers of the Valley.

The Gulf Refining Company's sound truck will be used during this entire entertainment and the special lighting effects will be given to the Scouts by the Central Power and Light Co.

Charro Event Too

Another event on the days program will be the entertainments to be given by the Brownsville Boosters who will attend the celebration dressed in their Charro costumes and who will assist in the days celebration by giving their Charro songs, music and dances at numerous places throughout the day.

These beautiful and expensive costumes, worn by the Charros and China Poblanas, are in nearly every case copies of or the originals themselves. The copies have been made from old paintings and descriptions secured after many weeks of research. The hand work on most of these costumes is exquisite and fine and the closer they are inspected the more beautiful they become. Some of them cost into the hundreds of dollars and are treasured from year to year to be worn during the Charro Days Fiesta or Celebration, which this time will be held in Brownsville late in February.

Another feature on the program that will be seen from time to time throughout the day on the streets of Raymondville is "Monty" the wonder dog. Monty is a Belgian Police dog, nine years of age and is able to pick out of a crowd of a hundred or more any person mentioned. His canine intelligence is truly marvelous. In his past performances here in Raymondville we have seen him pick out a man by his name, his occupation, by an article he has in his pocket, by his nickname or in any other manner the "wise guys" can figure out. He seldom fails and it is truly one of the most marvelous and mystifying exhibitions that will be given during the celebration.

Corpus Christi A Jewel In A Beautiful Setting



Corpus Christi has not grown too fast, although one of the most rapidly growing cities in the United States, to neglect some of the finer things in life and this view shows a well-groomed tropical background for the tall buildings which rim the city's skyline. In its hustle and bustle, Corpus Christi has not lost its appeal to tourists, remaining a livable place as well as a roaring commercial city.

VISITOR DEPARTS

RIO HONDO—Miss Phyllis Lukowski, who has been visiting her aunt and uncle, Mrs. and Mr. John Padroski, here, has returned to her home in Chicago, Illinois.

HAS OPERATION

PHARR—Mrs. I. Leddel, mother of Mrs. Joe Leddel here, who underwent a major operation early Monday in the McAllen City Hospital, is reported to be doing very well.

PARENTS ARE GUESTS

PHARR—Judge and Mrs. Bryce Ferguson have as their house-guests Mrs. Ferguson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hogan of West Texas.

HIGHWAY FETE IS ADVERTISED

Celebration Is Given Wide Publicity

RAYMONDVILLE — The Hug the Coast Highway Celebration which is to be held in Raymondville on December 17th will be one of the widest advertised events ever held in the Valley. Within the past two weeks more than five hundred letters and over two thousand sheets of advertising matter have been mailed out to every state in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Hawaiian Islands and Cuba.

Every newspaper for a hundred miles back from the Gulf of Mexico has been contacted and in addition to this every Chamber of Commerce in this territory has also been contacted. The County Judge and Commissioner's Court of every county in the State have received a very cordial invitation to be present at this celebration from County Judge Chas. R. Johnson and the Commissioners Court of Willacy County, and in addition to this several of the Civic Clubs have sent invitations to the other clubs in the State. Letters are pouring in from all sections of the State and Nation in response to these invitations and it looks as if Raymondville will have her hands full on that day taking care of the crowd that will be present.

One request from the Automobile Association of Mexico was very gratifying to the committee. They requested a story not only of the celebration but of the Hug the Coast Highway to be accompanied with photographs which they intend to use in their December issue of their monthly which has a circulation of more than 50,000 copies in Mexico alone. In addition the Editor stated that if possible he would bring a delegation from various localities in Mexico to be present at the celebration.

Another unusual feature of the celebration is that it will have a "Theme Song." This song was composed and set to music by Mrs. Daisy Stephenson. It is called "Along the Bay" and was written one evening while she was at Red Fish Bay, Raymondville's Pleasure resort. This music has been arranged for bands by E. V. Rinner, Director of the Raymondville High School Band and will be heard many times at the concerts during the celebration.

Highway Department Tries New Sign On New Highway

RAYMONDVILLE—Those traveling over the Hug-the-Coast Highway on December 17 on their way to Raymondville, where the big celebration in honor of the opening of this highway is to be held, will see for the first time a new sign being used by the Texas Highway Department. Between Sarita and Norias, a distance of approximately 30 miles, is the only place in the state that these signs have ever been used. They are on an upright post painted pure white and placed about 10 feet out from the edge of the pavement and are spaced 1000 feet apart, all through this distance on both sides of the road. Reading down, the sign reads "PARKING LINE".

J. W. Puckett, division engineer of the State Highway Department, stated that they were trying them out on this section of the road for the sole purpose of guarding the cars from parking too far out in the soft sand which makes up the shoulders of the road along most of the stretch. One not knowing how treacherous this loose sand is, could very easily drive too far out and before they know it would be mired down.

A person will unconsciously spin their wheels in this soft sand when starting their car, and the result is they immediately sink to the axle, and they are in for a bad time. It is always safest in driving off the pavement to stay within this marked limit and above all, start off slowly and carefully especially if a little too far out. This is only one of the many features of the highway department's endeavor to insure safety and good driving on the roads of Texas, and particularly on the Hug-the-Coast Highway.

Another thing that is of interest is to be found along this section of the road is at a point about 10 miles south of Sarita and 42 miles north of Raymondville. Driver will come to a place where the shifting sand dunes have almost encroached upon the highway. Unless drivers are going slow and look carefully the dunes will appear to be just grey covered hills, but upon closer inspection it will be seen that the sand has been covered with small branches, bushes and brush, weighted down with heavier limbs, and by this method the shifting of the sand which makes up the dunes has been almost entirely stopped and within a short time vegetation will have been able to take root and form a permanent mat or covering which will stop the shifting and thus protect the road.

For almost the entire distance between Sarita and Norias, sand dunes of this drifting sand may be seen as white spots in the distance, some within a few hundred feet of the road and others a mile or more distant.

Army Orders

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Army orders Saturday:

Lieutenant Colonels:

Harry C. Luck, Inc., Little Rock, to Palacios, Texas. Frank W. Pinger, MC., El Paso, to Camp Grant. David C. G. Schlenker, SC., Fort Sam Houston, to Riverside, Calif. John Lynch, Inf., Chicago, to Brownwood, Texas.

Majors:

Louis Edward Cotulla, CE Res., San Antonio, to active, Washington.

Captains:

James Henry Von Pein, Inf. Res., Dallas, to active, Randolph Field. Robert Henry McAteer, SC. Res., Fort Worth, to active, Washington.

Governors island in New York harbor was known to the Indians as the "land where the nut trees grow."

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Completion of the final link in Highway 96 between Kingsville and Raymondville marks the beginning of a new era in the history of all South Texas. . . .

Communities all along the Hug-the-Coast highway are brought closer together, with the result that each will become more prosperous. . . .

It is with justifiable pride that we point to the part which this organization has taken in construction of this new project. . . .

Thirty-two miles in Kennedy county was built by us. . . . . .

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Congratulations to the

TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

50 miles

of Fine Soil-Cement Road now closes the gap on Highway 96

KINGSVILLE to RAYMONDVILLE

This new soil-cement road is the last link in the Hug-the-Coast highway which now parallels the Texas Gulf coast all the way from Orange to Brownsville. It assures rapid, safe transportation in any weather, and will prove of tremendous benefit to scores of Texas communities.

Residents of Cameron and Willacy counties, for example, will save 62 miles on round trips to Corpus Christi, San Antonio and other points outside the Rio Grande Valley.

Largest Soil-Cement Project

Soil-cement is simply a carefully proportioned, compacted and hardened mixture of soil, moisture and portland cement. Nothing else! It is the latest and greatest contribution of highway engineers and research scientists to the solution of the low cost secondary road problem. It is daily proving its superior durability and economy on hundreds of miles of light traffic roads. Highway 96 is the longest continuous stretch of soil-cement in the United States. A fine construction job reflecting credit on the Texas Highway Department.

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FAST GROWTH OF COASTAL CITY SHOWN

Corpus Christi Future Told By Bell

By J. E. BELL
Manager Corpus Christi Chamber Of Commerce

From a quiet country town of 10,000 persons in 1910, Corpus has grown to a bustling city of more than 65,000 people in 30 years.

Few people have ever doubted the destiny of this modern metropolis, but its growth during the last decade has exceeding the fondest dreams of the most enthusiastic Chamber of Commerce president.

Corpus Christi's population within the city limits in 1930 was listed as 27,789. Figures recently released by the Bureau of the Census give the city a population of 57,433 in the city limits and 65,500 in the metropolitan area. The metropolitan area comprises numerous subdivisions that are a part of the city, but which have not yet been taken into the corporate limits. The increase of more than 100 per cent in 10 years may be attributed to many reasons, the most important of which include the discovery of oil at the city's door, diversified agricultural activity, increased industrialization, and continually increasing activity at the Port of Corpus Christi.

Unusual City

Corpus Christi, long recognized as a city of the unusual, has provided protection for her shores and beach business section from tropical storms, with the construction of a $2,000,000 seawall, which is a beautification as well as a protective project. Skirting the city's entire beach section, the wall will, engineers declare, remove storm-water hazards for all time. The wall is 14 feet above normal tide and swings in a gentle curve from the Port on the north to the bluff on the south side of the city. On the water side, the wall is a stair-step design, and while this design is calculated to break wave action, it also affords the city an unusual outdoor ampitheatre, since the seats provided by the steps will accommodate thousands of spectators of water sports.

An entire city block has been filled in between Water Street and the wall, providing space for additional commercial development. Closely zoned, the newly created area is being beautified by a two-mile boulevard, 200 feet wide. Drives on the boulevard will be divided by beautifully landscaped parks.

3 Yacht Basins

Outstanding among the developments along the new seawall is the construction of three yacht basins that will compare favorably with any in the nation. Expansive service wharfs and landing ramps are provided on what are expected to become some of the most popular havens for small or large craft along the entire Gulf Coast.

As paving of streets along the newly created area progresses, another great project for Corpus Christi is rapidly nearing completion. This great project is the Intra-Coastal Canal, which will be completed into this city about July, 1941, and which will eventually be extended to the Rio Grande. The canal will be important to recreation and business alike. It will permit the shipping by water, of numerous commodities from the Inland United States down the Mississippi River into the Canal, to Corpus Christi, and later to the Valley, at a great saving in freight. Likewise, it will encourage the small boat owners to visit the new yacht basins here, since they may make the trip without entering treacherous waters.

The "Wonder City of the South" has long been in the public eye, but it has gained nationwide prominence to a larger extent than ever before with the start of construction here of the government's $25,000,000 Naval Air Training Station.

Many are prone to call Corpus Christi the "darling of fortune," as a result of the location of the huge naval project on our shores. Contrary to that belief—though Corpus Christians are grateful—the Navy is not in the habit of granting favors, where the construction of a project so vital to our defense is concerned. Navy officials are hasty to explain that the base is being placed here because of the strategic position and fine physical qualities of the territory, perfectly adaptable to air training.

The station is located approximately twelve miles to the south of the city on Flour Bluff penisula. Some 10,000 acres of land will be required for the entire plant, consisting of hangers, administration buildings, quarters, store houses, landing fields, etc.

Undoubtedly Corpus Christi will experience during the next five years an even greater growth than during the last decade. Conservative estimates are that the station alone will add 25,000 to our population within the next three years.

Playing a major part in the unprecedented growth of the Port of Play and Profit, is the Port of Corpus Christi. Opened in 1926, tonnage through the local port has increased from a meagre 98,514 tons during the first full year of operation to 7,524,992 tons during the calendar year of 1939.

Tonnage On Increase

Busines during the last fiscal year of the Port, ending June 30, 1940, totaled 7,277,210 tons, indicating that business is holding up despite the shroud of war which envelops the world.

To take care of the unusual growth of the local waterway facilities dredge work which approximately doubled the size of the turning basin at the Port, was completed early last July. The basin is now 1,000 feet by 5,000 feet, as compared with a former size of 1,000 feet by 3,000 feet. The material recovered from the dredge area was used to reclaim some 120 acres of land suitable for future industrial development. The Central Power & Light Company has just completed construction of a million dollar power plant in the area. A new oil dock, bringing the number to five at the Port, is under construction at present.

Always an accurate barometer of the growth of any city, the increase in scholastics reflects the rapid expansion of this metropolis. In 1930, the local school census showed only 5,875 scholastics, while the July 1, 1940 count revealed 13,550 children of school age within the city limits. To take care of this increase, school officials have directed almost constant building and enlarging of schools for several years. Only recently a $450,000 bond issue was passed by voters to provide funds for the construction of a new Junior College building, a Junior High School, (fourth for the city), and much needed enlargements on other buildings in the system. During the last four years the Senior High School building has been doubled in size.

Rapidly nearing completion is a new $130,000 steel and concrete football stadium. Built in the shape of a bowl, it will accomodate approximately 20,000 spectators.

Slum Clearance Work

One particular project of which all Corpus Christi, and even South Texas, is proud, is the slum clearance project being sponsored by the Housing Authority of the City of Corpus Christi, under contract with the United States Housing Authority.

Three separate units will house 468 families, giving new and decent homes to approximately 1,500 people. The Anglo-American unit is already occupied, while the other two projects are rapidly nearing completion.

Total outlay on the three projects, which will help to remove slums from Corpus Christi and cut down on juvenile delinquency, will amount to more than $1,700,000. In addition to that figure, the United States Housing Authority recently ear-marked another $1,000,000 for defense housing to be constructed for use by married civilian employees and enlisted men of the Naval Air Training Station.

During 1939, Corpus Christi enjoyed the greatest building year in its 100-year history when $6,596,979 in building permits were registered. Although this figure put the city among the five leading cities of the state officials state that building admittedly amounted to much more than the figures show, since the value of many projects was underestimated, while still more were not registered since they were just outside the city limits, but were still actually in Corpus Christi's metropolitan area. Far ahead of the 1939 record, building permits for 1940 continue to soar toward the establishment of still another record. Already (November 1st) permits are well over $8,000,000.

Homes Are Booming

Playing a leading part in the huge building total being rung up by Corpus Christi, is home construction. Although commercial construction has been exceptionally heavy, residential building has led the field. During 1939 an average of slightly more than three new homes per day (including Sunday) were built—a record that can be matched by few cities in the entire Nation. Home building has stepped up this year, the average at present falling slightly under four new homes per day for the first six months.

In spite of the hustle and bustle of this lusty growth, Corpus Christi has kept intact it's reputation for being a city of beautiful homes, some of the finest show-places of the south being on scenic Ocean Drive, running south from the city.

Naturally, in a city which grows so rapidly, it is almost impossible to keep utilities and street improvements progressing as rapidly as the residential sections spread over the country side. To cope with the situation created by Corpus Christi's unusual expansion, the citizenship recently authorized the issuance of bonds amounting to $1,750,000, the funds from which will be devoted entirely to street paving and the extension of the City's sanitary system.

It has always been the object of the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, and the city's administration to remain mindful of the fact that what helps South Texas helps Corpus Christi. In that connection the Chamber of Commerce, City, and County have worked continuously for the completion of various highways throughout the South Texas area. Most recent fruit of the works of the citizens of South Texas, including we Corpus Christians, is the completion of the long-sought Kenedy County road from Riviera to Raymondville.

Still another highway project in which the local Chamber of Commerce is playing a large part is the attempt to secure funds for the construction of the Winter Garden to the Gulf Highways, which will mean much to the Winter Garden District.

Corpus Christians are thankful that the future of their city is one flanked with much promise—and they are ever mindful that it is not Corpus Christi alone which is coming to the front, but the entire great Empire which is South Texas, and through the co-operation of all our cities, the future of the section will assume the brightest prospects of any section in the entire Nation.

SEES VALUE OF HIGHWAY



Mayor A. C. McCaughan of Corpus Christi is a firm believer in the value of the now completed highway through Kenedy county. "In my opinion, the Valley is only in the early stages of development and it has a great future," he said. "I feel that the opening of a new highway will be of inestimable benefit both to the Valley and to Corpus Christi. I shall be glad to have you extend my greetings and best wishes to the people of the Valley in your special edition."

Novel Cachet To Be Used At Opening Day Of Hug-The-Coast-Highway; Was Designed By Raymondville Artist

RAYMONDVILLE—On December 17th, Raymondville will have a novel cachet, which will be imprinted upon outgoing mail by the committee in charge. This cachet will be used in connection with the celebration of the closing of the last gap in the Hug the Coast Highway between Orange on the Louisiana State line and Brownsville on the Mexican Border.

The cachet was designed by Mrs. Mary Portman, of Raymondville, one of the Valley's poets and artists. It depicts a map of the Coastal section of Texas and shows the route of the Hug the Coast Highway with small inserts illustrating scenes or activities in and around certain of the towns and counties.

Anyone desiring this cachet may send as many stamped envelopes as they desire to V. Sabin, Cachet Director, Raymondville, Texas and the cachet will be applied and mailed back to them on the day of the celebration. Several hundred envelopes from various parts of the United States have already been received.

Southern Colleges Elect Texan Chief

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(AP)—President Sam Whitley of East Texas Teachers College, Commerce, was elected president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at the group's meeting here Friday.

Three Texas colleges were restored to membership and its attendant full accredited rating. They included: Baylor University of Waco, Hardin-Simmons University of Abilene, and Texas Technological College of Lubbock.

The canning industry used over 10 billion containers in 1939.

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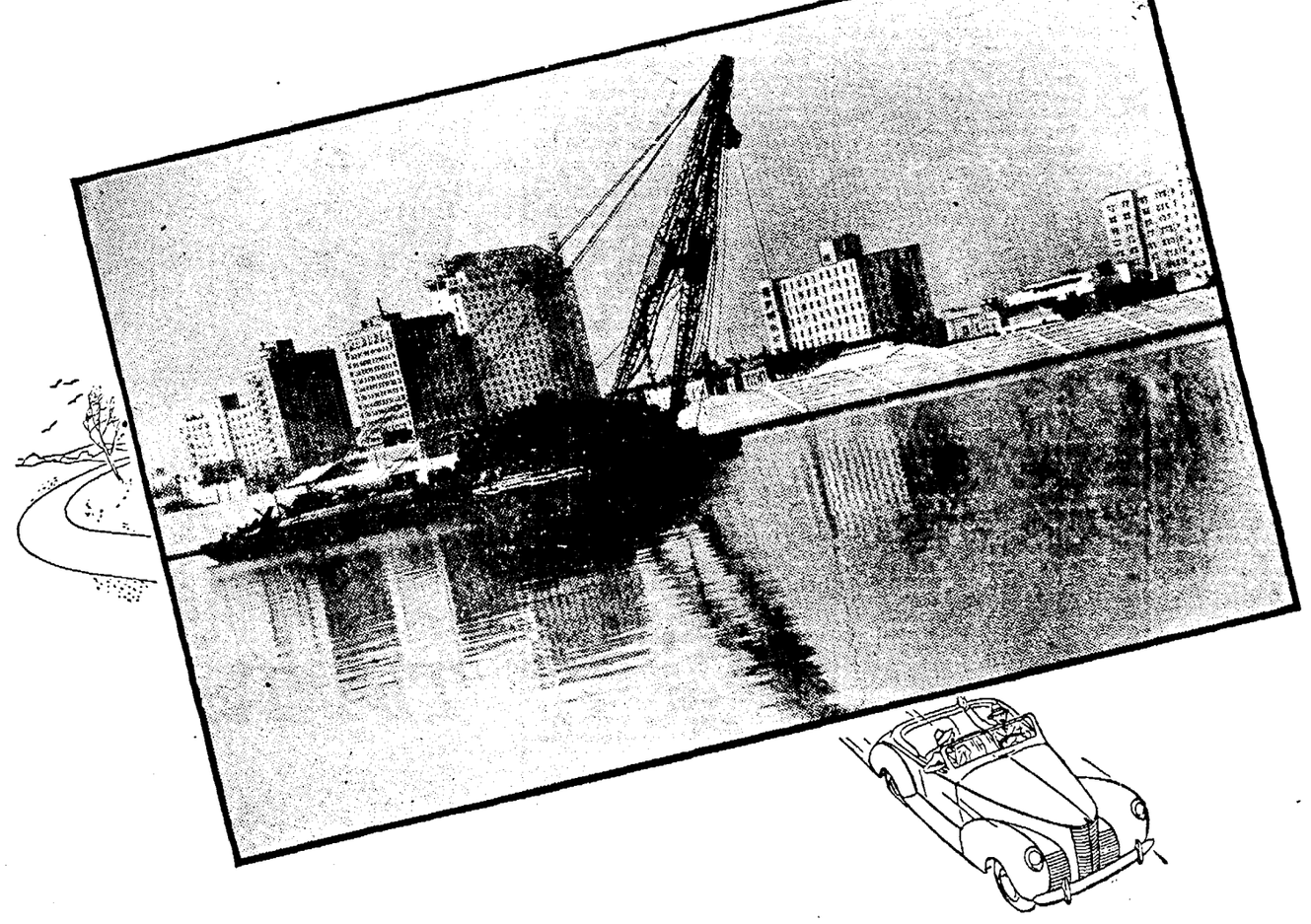
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RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS

GREETING to the CITIZENS of the RIO GRANDE VALLEY



ACHIEVEMENT

The nearing completion of Corpus Christi's marvelous $2,500,000 Sea Wall, the progress south of the great Intracoastal Canal, to finally terminate at the Rio Grande, and the opening of the last and vital coastal link of the Hug-the-Coast Highway are all achievements of which all South Texas may well be proud. In a real sense each is a public undertaking, designed to return a public benefit.

Corpus Christi has always believed that South Texas must develop as a unit. True, its cities and its towns have individual problems, but many of them can be solved by mutual effort. Highways present an example of what can be accomplished by co-operation. We like to believe that our efforts helped in a tangible way to hasten the completion of the coastal road. To be sure a selfish interest was involved. But the social returns will transcend immediate financial benefits. As distances are shortened, acquaintances increase. As we see more of each other understanding increases, and that fosters co-operation.

As the citizens of the Valley, Texas' great garden spot, and those of the intervening counties, have helped us build our great Sea Wall; as mutual efforts have expanded highway facilities, we will continue to expand our energies and our means to further the completion of the Intracoastal Canal to the Rio Grande.

Visit Corpus Christi. We know you'll like our people. We want to know you better, and above all . . . we want you to know us better. Forward together!

The CITY of CORPUS CHRISTI

The CHAMBER of COMMERCE

"PORT of PLAY and PROFIT"

CULMINATION

WILLACY COUNTY IS NOW CELEBRATING THE CULMINATION OF MANY YEARS OF EFFORT. THE ENERGY, FAR-SIGHTEDNESS AND COOPERATIVE SPIRIT OF ITS CITIZENS HAS RESULTED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGHWAY VITAL TO ITS NEEDS AND IMPORTANT TO THE ENTIRE VALLEY . . . AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM DESIGNED TO INCREASE ITS PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY IN AGRICULTURAL FIELDS . . AND MANY INDUSTRIAL ADVANCES.

The Rio Grande Valley Citrus Exchange is sowing the seed and cultivating the growth of cumulative effort in the Valley's citrus industry. It is leading the way toward cooperation of all interests so that the utmost in returns may be the growers' lot. And it is constantly striving to expand the industry's markets in the North through conscientious sales efforts and advertising expenditures.

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It is fighting the battles of the Valley just as Willacy interests have been striving to answer Willacy's needs. As such it feels a kinship for Willacy County in its celebration.

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May the Valley always continue to progress . . . may we always provide the cooperation that gets results.

Rio Grande Valley Citrus Exchange MEMBER Associations

Bay View Citrus Association
Mission Citrus Growers' Union
McAllen Citrus Association
Weslaco Citrus Association
Edinburg Citrus Association
Donna Citrus Association
R. G. V. Citrus Growers' Association, Mercedes
Santa Rosa Citrus Association
Combes Citrus Association
La Feria Citrus Association
Stuart Place Citrus Association
Raymondville Citrus Association
San Benito Citrus Association

RIO GRANDE VALLEY CITRUS EXCHANGE

Tex-Sun and Tex-Maid Citrus Fruit

"SERVING THE VALLEY" WESLACO, TEXAS

'Walls Of Jericho' Tumble Tuesday

Public Sentiment Finally Wins New Road

By MRS. M. C. YEARGAN

RAYMONDVILLE—

"Joshua fit the battle of Jericho,
Jericho, Jericho,
Joshua fit the battle of Jericho
And the walls came tumbling down."

So goes the old Negro spiritual. Unlike the Bible story, however, where Joshua and his small band of men marched around the walls of Jericho and blew their horns and shouted once each day for seven days and the walls came tumblin' down—Willacy county citizens have been driving around the Walled Kingdom shouting their heads off for 24 years and the walls just didn't crumble.

Road Now Opens

But they're at it again, shouting this time with victory through the press, radio, cachets and chambers of commerce, because on December 17, 1940, after 27 years of planning, a direct way out of the Valley to points north, a way has been provided; the last vestige of the wall is crumbling down—the sign reading "This road is covered with tar filled with tacks to puncture your tires" has been removed and only the telegraph poles serving for fence posts to support the barbed wire and the gate with lock and heavy chain remains, and this will be removed when the great cavalcade, including men of the press, photographers, distinguished state and national leaders and citizens all along the route will drive victoriously over the road—open for all time to the public.

The story dates back to 1846 when two young men, Richard King, a young ship's captain and Mifflin Kenedy, a seaman from New Orleans, formed a partnership in the river steamer Carvette and operated a transport service on the Rio Grande River from its mouth to Rio Grande City—a hundred-mile trip, requiring three days up and one day down stream.

But though they had the contract to haul supplies for the American army, the war with Mexico was short lived. Business being dull the young men had time to explore inland and dream dreams of possessing large tracts of land and of owning many cattle. They began to buy land paying from 1 cent to 5 cents per acre for it.

They Made Fortunes

In 1861 and for the four years' duration of the Civil War, King and Kenedy went back to their little stern wheeler and did big business resulting in considerable wealth for them, on which they were able to retire from active river duty. On returning to their estates, they found them overrun with longhorns. They ear-marked them and spent their days trying to protect their great herds from cattle rustlers.

About 1866 Jesse Chisholm achieved the impossible by driving a herd of cattle from San Antonio to Abilene, Kansas. Immediately Captain Kenedy realized that possibilities in this for himself and his partner, King. They tried it with a few thousand, and it worked. Within a short time they had made much money and could not agree on how to spend it.

Kenedy dreamed of the coming of the railroad and the shipping of cattle by rail—cattle with short horns, a new cattle, a reality of his own experimenting. He was so sure of the success of such an undertaking that he was willing to invest his wealth in and also that of his partner's.

King Wanted Land

But King thought it would be a much better idea to buy a mile-wide strip of land running 900 miles from Nueces River to Kansas and continue sending cattle over the trail, and to make sure that they would have sufficient cattle to send over the trail, he wanted the actual ownership of about thirty million acres.

So not being able to agree on how best to spend their wealth they good naturedly dissolved partnership. Kenedy taking the land on the northeast corner of the coast, known later as Kenedy county, and leaving to Captain King as much of the state as he could acquire for pasture land.

Now Kenedy loved privacy better than anything and as a parting request he exacted from King, who planned to own all the land for miles around on three sides of him, a promise that he would never, never allow a public road through the Kenedy estate.

That was about 1868. King agreed, and an imaginary wall was raised around 1,300 square miles of land that was as impenetrable as a stone wall and iron bars, though to all appearance it was still open range. Many years later a barbed wire fence was built around the ranch, which has an area larger than that of the state of Rhode Island.

Guarantee Respected

Captain King's guarantee that no highway should ever run through Kenedy's land has been respected by his heirs. Individuals have raised their voices in protest; small groups of prominent Valley citizens have done all within their power; and it has taken the combined effort of a large number of earnest people working for this great cause many years to see the results of their labor.

Many stories have been told—some true, some false, but all interesting—of the difficulties encountered in getting a road through the walled kingdom. Old timers can regale their listeners with some amazing tales, but with twinkling eyes now that the struggle is a thing of the past.

As early as 1913 a road through Kenedy county was dreamed of and planned for when a route was laid out on paper and and an association formed to promote it known as the Diamond Loop Highway Association. The diamond route was formed by a road up the Valley to Rio Grande City, along the river to Laredo, thence to San Antonio, on to Corpus Christi and back to the Valley following the Missouri Pacific through the walled kingdom.

An emblem—diamond-shaped, in blue and white—was made to advertise the Valley as an outlet and inlet to tourists. Owners who have kept these, will proudly display them on their cars in the parade on December 17.

In 1920 the Hug-the-Coast Highway Association was organized and renewed and continuous efforts were set in motion.

When the county was organized in 1921 a road election was called. It was estimated that about 94 per cent of the population favored it and ultimate victory seemed easy. But when morning dawned, it is said, that mysterious hands had delivered handbills everywhere advising the voting against such a proposal.

The Willacy County Road committee was formed and at a later election the opposition was defeated.

With representatives of the road association went before the legislature to get a road through Kenedy county, however, the proposed measure was tied up in committee and killed season after season for nearly 20 years.

$85,000 was raised and a road built through Willacy county to the fence line of the ranch on the south side. But though a beautiful highway ran to the very southmost line of the ranch, and one, equally as beautiful, ran to the northmost line, it seemed as though never the twain would meet because of the invisible wall of promise surrounding the kingdom.

Finally the ranch owners agreed to give the right of way if the state would appropriate funds for the road; but the funds could not be assured until the right of way was granted—and so, for a time, each waited for the other to move first.

But eventually public sentiment prevailed and the contract was let for the north end to Sarita. All went well for a time, then work came to a sudden standstill, so the story goes. On investigation, engineers had come to a dry stream bed. According to Washington, this was a navigable stream. To cross it required the building of a draw bridge. According to old Wilacy county residents, there wasn't sufficient water to float a duck excepting after a flood.

The deed to the last portion of the right of way was given May, 1935, but will not be relinquished until December 17, 1940.

On December 17 the barbed wire fence that for years has served as a formidable barrier will be substituted by a ribbon and thousands of people will witness the clipping of that ribbon that will open to the public the walled kingdom.

It is estimated that 60 per cent of Valley traffic will go over this road. This road—short though it is—will likely be the longest in the world within a couple of years, connecting Alaska with the Panama Canal.

It is an important road; it ties together six army posts, a naval base, serves a portion of seven international highways extending from Canada into Mexico, and opens all the territory along its course to thousands of travelers. It has ten deep water harbors, giving direct water connections to all parts of the world. And it parallels the Inter Coastal Canal for several hundred miles, making connection with more than 14,000 miles of inland waterways.

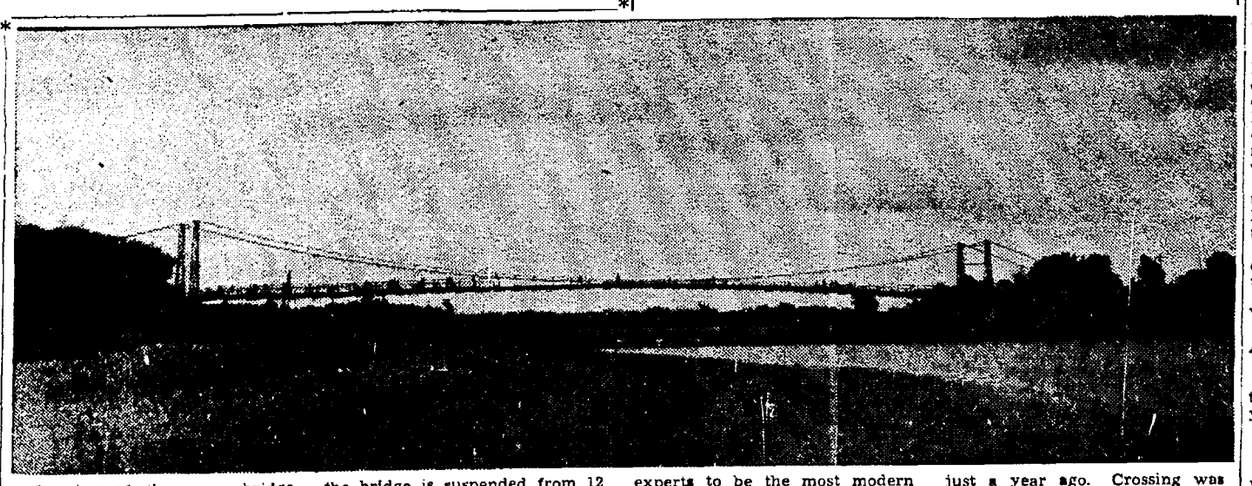
Mifflin Kenedy's dream has come true: the cattle that roam over his land now have short horns and travel by train to market.

But his dream of permanent seclusion for his kingdom is shattered at last.

Valley citizens fought the battle of
the Walled Kingdom
And the walls came tumblin' down.

But how about having a friend that would keep a promise for 72 years?

NEW SUSPENSION BRIDGE AT REYNOSA TO OPEN SUNDAY



Opening of the new bridge crossing the Rio Grande River from Hidalgo to Reynosa, Mexico, is scheduled for Sunday, according to Ray E. Stubbs, general manager of the Valley Bridge Company, owners of the structure.

Running 766 feet in total length, the bridge is suspended from 12 huge cables, anchored on each side with 2,200 cubic feet of concrete. The span from tower to tower is 450 feet.

Designed by J. W. Bretta Engineering organization, and A. E. Searles, the bridge is said by experts to be the most modern across the entire Rio Grande River.

The bridge takes the place of the original structure built many years ago, which was destroyed just a year ago. Crossing was made by a pontoon bridge during the period required to build the new bridge. The pontoon bridge will be removed in a few days.

DEATH CLAIMS MOTHER

LOS FRESNOS—Phil R. Moyle was called to Waco Wednesday morning because of the death of his mother.

FROM DENNISON

WESLACO—Mrs. L. Christian of Dennison is viisting her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Baxter.

Congratulations . . .

To the citizens of the Rio Grande Valley upon the completion of the important new highway . . . and congratulations to the landowners of Willacy County Water Control and Improvement District Number One upon the completion of the new irrigation system.

WILLACY COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER ONE

Oil Lands, Leases & Royalties

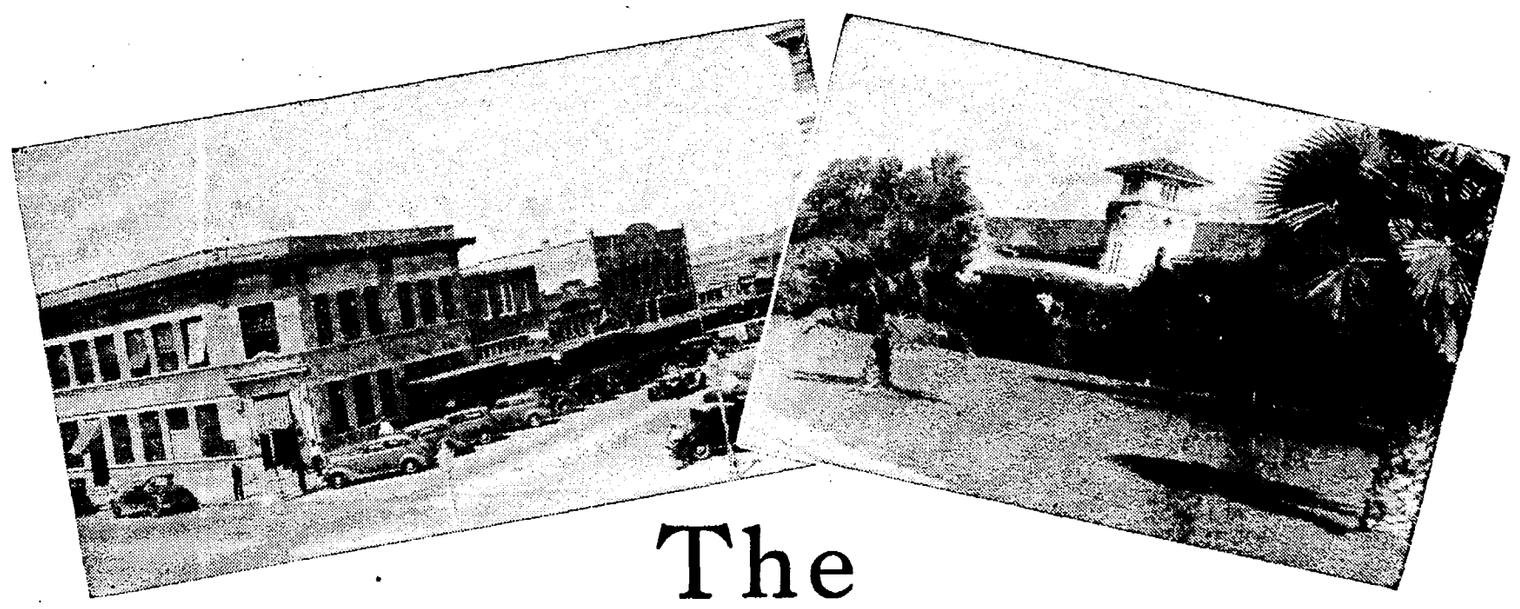
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RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS



The City of KINGSVILLE

And

The Texas College of Arts and Industries

join the people of the lower Rio Grande Valley in rejoicing over the completion of the highway that brings their good neighbors of the Valley so much nearer to Kingsville and this great state-supported institution, known affectionately as A. & I. College.

With the accomplishment of this step in advancing highway communication between the Valley and the Gulf Coast section of South Texas, we realize we have laid the foundation for a great international road leading from the Canadian Border to the interior of our sister Republic of Mexico. We pledge to our friends of both South Texas and Mexico our hearty cooperation in the carrying of that task to a successful completion.

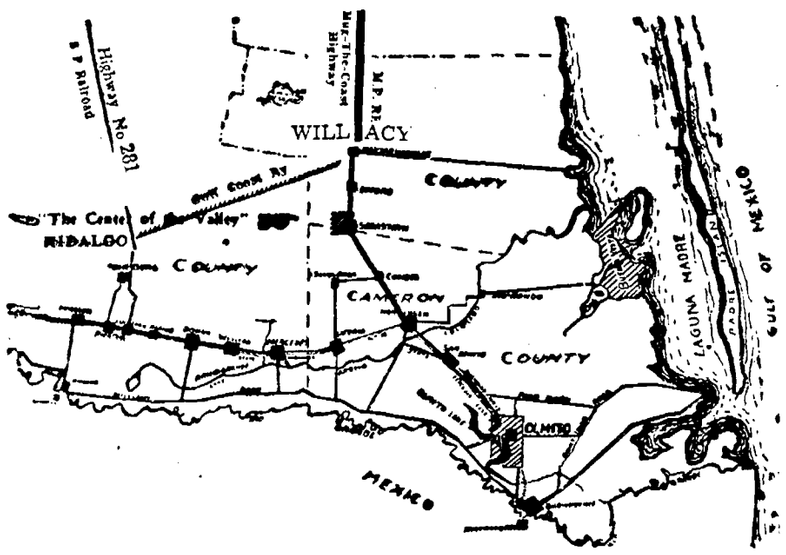
THE people of the Rio Grande Valley joined with Kleberg County in securing for this section an institution of higher education several years ago. On this occasion, we would emphasize the fact that the Texas College of Arts and Industries belongs to all the people of Texas, but particularly to those of this section; that it was founded to train the youth of South Texas for leadership in developing the resources of South Texas.

With the completion of highway 96, this State institution of higher learning is placed at the very doors of hundreds of young men and women of the Valley who will find a warm welcome awaiting them at Kingsville when they make Texas A & I the college of their choice.



SEBASTIAN

On the Hug-The-Coast Highway 10 Miles South of Raymondville and 12 Miles North of Harlingen



The town of Sebastian is indeed happy to congratulate the promoters of the Hug-The-Coast Highway. Their far-reaching efforts have placed Sebastian with the best soil, drinking water and location directly on the route that is destined to connect this section with the Panama Canal and South America.

This advertisement courtesy E. W. ARCHER.

NEW TRAFFIC BROUGHT IN BY HIGHWAY

Army, Naval Bases Along Route

RAYMONDVILLE — The opening of the Hug-the-Coast Highway, which is to be celebrated at Raymondville on December 17th, celebrates the closing of the last gap in the Highway which extends from the Louisiana State line along, or near the Gulf of Mexico, clear to the Mexican border at Brownsville. It is of unusual value to the people of Texas in many ways. Along its course are more than a dozen army posts, naval bases and navy yards.

Its deep water harbors are known all over the world. It is an outlet for Texas to the thousands of miles of inland waterways as it parallels the Inter-Coastal Canal for more than 200 miles. To southwest Texas and the Rio Grande Valley in particular its value is incalculable. The tourist from the East and North now has a short cut into the Valley. Those in the Valley save from 35 to 50 miles or more on every trip in going to Corpus and Houston. It gives the tourist a chance to come into the Valley by one route, to visit the entire Valley and then leave by an entirely different route.

A count made by the Texas Highway Department between Corpus Christi and Houston shows 1'10 to 7850 cars pass each day; to Raymondville by way of Corpus Christi the count shows 1140 to 6020 a day and South of Raymondville an average of 1550 cars a day is shown. A saving of 50 miles means approximately 3 gallons of gasoline and an hours time saved, and with the thousands of motorists every day, it means an enormous saving in both time and money.

The Kenedy County gap, which has just been completed and which completes the Highway, is unusual in many ways. This 49 mile stretch across Kenedy County was begun in 1935 after the four Ranches, which comprise the county, agreed to give the right of way and the Highway Department agreed to provide the fences along the entire route. The Engineers spent many weeks endeavoring to overcome the many unusual difficulties met in the construction of this stretch. One of their main troubles was the shifting sands which comprise more than 30 miles of the route, but this has been overcome by holding back the sand by the use of brush etc., so that vegetation may be started and thus cover the sand and stop the blowing.

Britain Shifts War Information Chiefs

LONDON — (AP) — Sir Walter Monckton succeeded Frank Pick as director-general of the Ministry of Information in what the Press Association referred to as a "surprise" shift.

Sir Walter is attorney for the Duke of Windsor and reportedly visited him recently in the Bahamas.

Metropolitan Skyline Blooms On Gulf Coastline



The rapid progress of Corpus Christi is reflected here in Nueces bay, towering buildings which were not present a few years ago forming the skyline of a fast growing city. This view from the bay also shows the seawall recently constructed which at the same time protects lower part of the city from the waters of the gulf and provides a pretty rim for this beautiful bay. Corpus Christi has long been known as the Naples of the Gulf.

Entirely New Highway Construction Technique Used On Hug The Coast Road; Entire Country Is Watching

RAYMONDVILLE—Involving an entirely new material technique and a new design in road machinery, the construction of the Kenedy county section of the Hug-the-Coast highway has been the center of interest for the construction industry in all parts of the country.

In use for the first time on any extensive project, the type of construction was developed and tested by the Texas Highway Department. In securing the contract for 34.6 miles of surfacing as well as 43 miles of grading and drainage structures, Heldenfels Brothers, Corpus Christi contractors, have found entirely new methods to cope with the peculiar and perplexing problems offered by the terrain over which the Kenedy road had to be built.

Use of new road materials, the maddening problem of shifting sands, and the low water table encountered, were problems the contractors met and conquered.

Base for the new road is of soil-cement composition. From clay pits along the right of way through the ranch country, materials have been taken for processing in a new plant costing over $30,000.

The problem of keeping the shifting sands from covering the highway is expected to be met as the Missouri Pacific railway has meet it—by planting brush and grass to hold the sands. It is hoped this will stay the moving dunes.

After the road grade was established, a six-inch layer of the native clay was deposited along the right of way. This was exposed to the elements and slight travel for a minimum of eight months. During the time elapsed the clay packed hard enough to hold the finished highway.

Then, using the same type of clay and the new special equipment, a soil-cement mix of six per cent cement, 15 per cent moisture and the balance soil basis was spread along the road bed to a depth of 15 inches. This was rolled and compressed and concentrated until the rollers no longer could make an impresison on the surface.

A maintainer followed the rollers to keep the grade, following specifications that called for the compressed mix to be six inches deep in the center and eight inches deep on the sides, and exaggerated crown on the roadbed being under the mix, so that these specifications brought about a normal crown.

Sets For 28 Days

Following application of hot oil, the road was allowed to set a minimum of 28 days, after which double asphalt surface treatment was given.

This new type of highway was thoroughly tested by the highway department before it was used in construction of the Kenedy county road.

Some time ago a stretch of highway was constructed similar to the Kenedy project. Two and one-half miles of road was laid. After curing and topping, a number of state trucks loaded to capacity were driven over the surface. Back and forth, up and down, day after day, this grueling punishment was given to the pavement.

The test was kept up for three weeks, at the rate of hundreds of loads per day. But the new surface easily survived the test.

According to M. M. Jester, Heldenfel's superintendent on the job, a block of this processed material can be immersed in water for an indefinite period of time, and there will be no sign of deterioration. A piece of the soaked material can be rubbed in the hands without leaving any marks or smudges.

Shoulders Are Problem

Road shoulders could have presented a problem to motorists, but this has been solved too. Drivers need not worry about their cars sinking axle deep in the fine white sands if they observe the safety markings along the shoulders.

The native clay has been used in making shoulders for this new type highway. Rolled and cross rolled and graded, these shoulders extend out eight feet from the pavement edge. Motorists are urged, however, not to run their cars out on the shoulders except enough to clear the highway. The safety line, or clay shoulder edge is clearly marked all along the highway, with posts set every 1,000 feet, clearly visible and plainly marked.

FULL PROGRAM NOW COMPLETE

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and the novelty of this feature will no doubt be remembered by every one there. To those desiring to go inside the church and relax during the program, the doors will be opened and everyone is welcome, it may be heard from almost any portion of the city in your car or in the streets. The program which will be played by Mrs. B. S. Wright is as follows:

Oh Little Town of Bethlehem, Gesu Bambino (The Infant Jesus), Pietro Yon, former organist of Vatican, Hark the Herald Angels Sing!, Sanctus by Gounod, Oh Come All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fidelis).

Following this the Boy Scouts will give their demonstration at the athletic field, starting at 7:30. Their program includes an Indian fire lighting ceremony, Court of Honor and many other beautiful and inspiring ceremonies in which more than 1500 Valley Boy Scouts will take part. Then at 8:30 will be the free street dance on sixth street one block west of the depot. Music will be furnished by the Pete Pena orchestra of Mercedes. As a whole it is expected that every one who attends will have plenty of entertainment and will enjoy every minute of the day.

Old Diamond Loop, First Started 27 Years Ago, Now Finished; Original Committee Alive, To 'Disband'

Nat Wetzel Was Top Man In Leading Program

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Lyford chose C. E. Craig president and J. C. Deyo, secretary. And at Harlingen R. L. Chaudoin was president and S. A. Thompson, secretary.

Organization Formed

On July 5, 1915, a large, enthusiastic group formed a parent organization in meeting at Port Isabel, with E. J. Hernen, assistant director general of the National Highway Association at Washington, D. C., present to assist in organization. An insignia of blue and white for members' cars was adopted, being a diamond-shaped piece of enameled metal, 10 inches long and four and one-half inches high of blue enamel, with quarter-inch white border and the words "Diamond Loop Highway" in white letters filling interior of the diamond.

These emblems were displayed for several years, but association members failed in attempt to acquire vital pieces of right of way. Eventually enthusiasm waned and finally the Diamond Loop was almost forgotten.

But now, with the closing of the last gap in the Hug-the-Coast Highway, the Diamond Loop Highway can alos be considered an accomplished project. The emblem, the association and the enthusiasm are expected to be revived, and the loop to become known as one of Texas' most interesting scenic highways.

Many of those who helped form the original organizations over Southwest Texas have passed on. But Mr. J. A. Graham of San Benito is still active in good road work, and is expected to be present for the December 17 celebration of the completion of two major Texas highways, for one of which he led the fight a quarter of a century ago.

Certain also to attend the celebration are Mr. Archer, and Mr. Wetzel, who will have a major part in the fete, and other members of that Willacy good roads committee. Present also will be Judge Dancy, a fighter for good roads as far back as anyone can recall. There also will be numerous others, many of whom were in the original fight, and thousands of others who have joined since and have helped put across the vital link in both highways after a long and sometimes bitter fight.

Was Last Gap

Completion not so many months ago of hard-surfaced road all the way from the Valley to Laredo leaves the Kentucky gap as the only remaining link in the Diamond Loop, just as it is the last link in the otherwise completed Hug-the-Coast.

But there are other loops, all with an important 1940 angle, that means visitors and dollars and cents to all of the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Besides the loop which might bring motorists in by way of the Kenedy county road, and send them out by way of the Diamond Loop to Laredo, or through Edinburg to Falfurrias; there is also the loop which will allow visitors to Mexico to come to the Valley through Edinburg or Raymondville, then through McAllen and Reynosa and Monterrey, with return trip through Laredo. Then there is the loop that will send them through Brownsville and Matamoros to Victoria and Mexico City, and bring them back to Monterrey and either to Reynosa or Laredo.

The Matamoros - Victoria and Reynosa-Monterrey hard-surfaced routes are far past the dream stage. They're rapidly coming to the point of reality as parts of a Pan-American highway which will be of vast importance as a tourist route and as part of the defense equipment of the Americas.

Yes, they'll be celebrating the opening of an important link in more than one highway at Raymondville on December 17.



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Direct communication with Corpus Christi, Houston and points north and east will be of immense value to both farming and commercial interests, and completion of the highway is just cause for celebration.

Reddy Kilowatt says "CPL's highline service is cause for celebration, too. Plenty of power wherever there's demand for it, at low rates, has helped a lot to make the Valley."

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US CONGRESS STUDIES WAYS TO CUT COST

Non-Defense Expense May Be Slashed

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Confronted with the prospect of heavy new defense appropriations and higher taxes, Senate and House leaders talked over Saturday ways and means of cutting down non-defense expenditures.

Considerable sentiment was evidenced for setting up, as a step toward that end, a new "super-committee" to cordinate spending and revenue policies.

To Study Spending

Representative Woodrum (D-Va) influential member of the House Appropriations committee, said he was seeking the cooperation of President Roosevelt and House and Senate leaders in forming a group which would obtain an over-all picture of spending needs and then would recommend what revenues should be raised.

Woodrum told reporters his first step would be to confer with House leaders and members of the ways and means and appropriations committees. He said a joint congressional committee "could look at the fiscal picture as a whole, and could make recommendations based on the relationship of expenditures and revenues.

Must Coordinate

"It is crazy not to consider spending and revenues together," he remarked.

On the Senate side, Chairman Harrison (D-Miss) of the Senate Finance committee said that "if the House will agree to a joint committee there won't be any trouble over here."

Hitler To Aid?

Mussolini Must Get Assistance Soon

NEW YORK —(AP)— The British Broadcasting Corporation said Saturday that it is "widely thought that the time has come when Herr Hitler must attempt to rescue his partner"—Premier Mussolini.

"There has been no news today," BBC said in a broadcast heard by CBS, "on the movements of Herr Hitler and Herr von Ribbontrop, who were reported Friday to have left Berlin and who are rumored to be on their way to see Signor Mussolini.

"It will cause no surprise, if such a meeting takes place, since it is widely thought that the time has come when Herr Hitler must, at whatever cost, attempt to rescue his partner."

Crude Closes Week With Net Decrease, Production Jumped

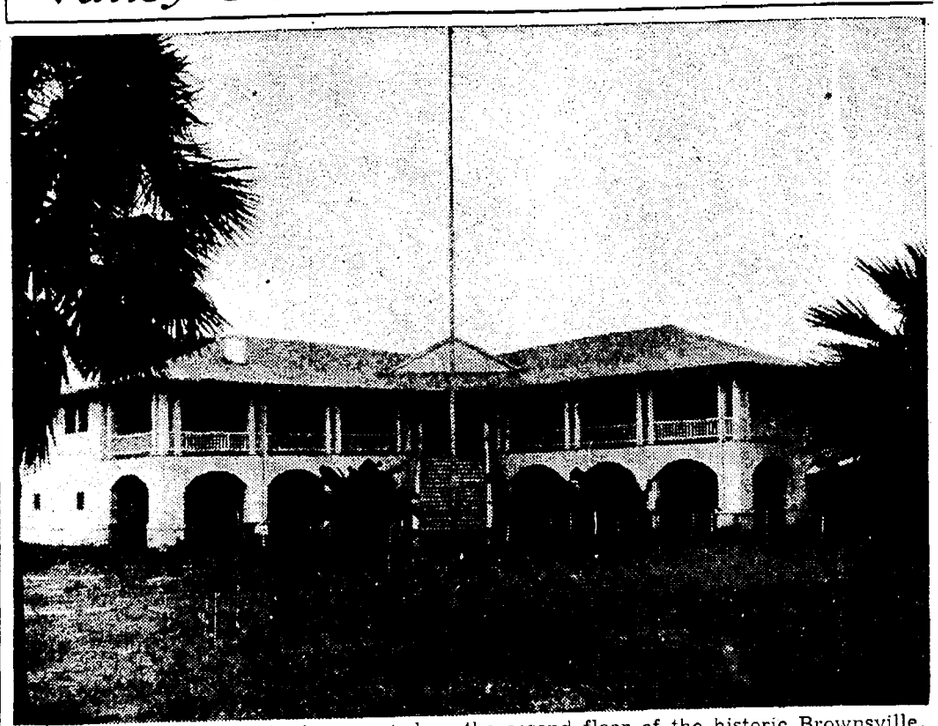
WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Bureau of Mines reported Saturday stocks of domestic and foreign crude petroleum at the close of the week ended December 7 totaled 261,152,000 barrels, a net decrease of 1,527,000 barrels compared with the previous week. Stocks of domestic oil decreased 1,362,000 barrels for the week and foreign crude decreased 165,000 barrels.

Daily average production for the week was 3,613,000 barrels, an increase of 278,000 barrels compared with the previous week's level. Runs to stills averaged 3,460,000 barrels daily, compared with 3,510,000 barrels for the preceding week. Daily average imports were 156,000 barrels, an increase of 24,000 barrels during the week.

SOLON'S FATHER DIES

CLOVIS, N. M.—(AP)—U. S. Senator Carl Hatch of New Mexico and Mrs. Hatch left Saturday night for Oklahoma City to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hatch's father, R. S. Caviness, 82-year-old retired druggist who died Saturday.

Valley Club Formed In Brownsville



A social clubroom will be inaugurated on the second floor of the historic Brownsville Country Club (pictured above) Saturday night, it has been announced by Claude Liston, director of country club activities. Card memberships are being issued at present.



Miss Mozelle Pruden, well-known Brownsville girl, who will act as hostess at the social clubroom to be opened at the Brownsville Country Club Saturday night.

Claud Liston Heads New Project At Club

BROWNSVILLE—Expected to fill a long-felt social need, a membership clubroom featuring dancing, food and other refreshments will be inaugurated at the Brownsville Country Club Saturday night with a dance and buffet supper.

Finishing touches are being applied to the completely renovated clubroom and lounge under supervision of Miss Mozelle Pruden, who will act as hostess, and Claud Liston, who directs Country Club activities.

Memberships Needed

Memberships, issued by invitation or recommendation, are being spread throughout the lower Valley, Mr. Liston states, and they have met with hearty reception. Members may bring guests, but otherwise admittance will be by card only, the management states.

The second floor of the historic Country Club, for many years one of the outstanding social gathering places in South Texas, will be devoted to the clubroom facilities. It will be capable of accommodating 150 persons comfortably, Mr. Liston estimates. The dance floor has been placed in top condition, and the quarters have been outfitted tastefully.

Beginning next Sunday, the clubroom will be open from breakfast until midnight supper, according to present plans. Music will be available at all times, and it is planned to have a special dance orchestra once weekly, or as often as members desire.

The clubroom will be available for private parties and will have a catering service. A special bid will be made for afternoon bridge and tea parties, and Miss Pruden will assist in arranging them.

The cost of membership will be nominal.

Separate From Club

The clubroom will be conducted entirely separate from the Country Club and membership in one does not necessarily entail membership in the other, Mr. Liston explained.

Miss Pruden, a graduate of local schools and Denton Teachers', is well known among the younger social set of the Valley. She has been a resident of Brownsville for the past six years.

Mr. Liston, long-time Valley resident, came here after managing the Harlingen golf course for the past seven years. He is enthusiastic over golfing, tennis and swimming facilities offered by the Country Club here.



Claude Liston (above) will have supervision of the clubroom being opened at the Brownsville Country Club.

NEW ORLEANS STRIKE ENDS

Seamen Win Shorter Hours, Better Pay

NEW ORLEANS —(AP)— A seamen's strike which tied up five vessels of the Standard Fruit and Steamship Company here for four days was settled Saturday and sailings were resumed.

Bryce P. Holcombe, commissioner of conciliation of the United States Department of Labor who mediated the strike, said an agreement was signed at noon for improved working conditions, higher pay, an 8-hour day and overtime pay.

Although no official statement was made on pay increases, it was stated that radio operators would receive a $12.50 a month hike.

Holcombe said the agreement was reached between officials of the company and representatives of the National Maritime Union and the American Communications Association.

MRS. AUTRY BETTER

RIO HONDO—Mrs. S. E. Autry is recovering from a recent illness.

Head Man Fired

Allowed Raw Water In City Mains

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—(AP)—Formal investigation of inadvertent introduction of 6,000,000 gallons of untreated Genesee river water into city mains brought discharge Saturday of the superintendent of water.

Meanwhile, with 1,100 of the 300,000-odd residets inoculated by the health bureau against typhoid fever, the city opened five additional inoculation stations in public schools, with a big rush for vaccination expected.

U. S. Rebates Taxes

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The treasury said Saturday that it over assessed Ruby Keeler Jolson, dancing star of the stage and movies, $50,346 on her 1936 and 1937 incomes.

Palestine, homeland of the Jews, has been under British mandate for 22 years.

NEW HYGIENE CLASSES SET

Hidalgo Red Cross Plans Work

EDINBURG — Home hygiene classes in Hidalgo county will be launched in January by the county chapter of the American Red Cross, A. M. Tarbutton of Edinburg, chapter chairman, announced Saturday.

The classes will be directed by county health nurses who were instructed in the activity recently by a field representative of the Red Cross. One class will be conducted in each community, and Parent-Teacher associations will be invited to assist the program.

Courses in first aid for laymen will be started by the Red Cross throughout the county either in late January or early February, the chairman added. A national organization representative will teach the first classes, whose graduates in turn will organize instruction groups among laymen throughout the county. The first series of lessons will be given to all border patrolmen, firemen and other interested groups, and these in turn will teach first aid practices to interested laymen.

Tarbutton said a final report on the recent county Red Cross roll call has not yet been compiled due to absence of tabulations from two of the 13 county communities in which the drive took place. Funds already reported, however, show that the county surpassed its quota of $5,000.

KENEDY ROAD OPEN DEC. 17

Large Crowd Slated In Willacy

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built, engineers piled brush alongside the right-of-way so the creeping dunes would fasten themselves in the brush and stay off the road. Now they are planting various types of hardy vegetation in the creeping dunes to anchor them permanently at the roadsides. For years, the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railroad, whose tracks parallel the highway throughout its length, hired hundreds of men to keep the dunes off the railroad tracks. But the dunes have been conquered by the ingenuity of the Texas Highway Department and its engineers, and the Kenedy county road is ready for traffic.

Cost Less Than Million

That 49-mile stretch of highway cost $876,518, the department has figured out—more than it would have cost under ordinary circumstances. Division Engineer J. W. Puckett at Pharr is the man who conducted the experiments that made the road possible through the sand. But the road would have cost much more had the state been required to purchase the rights-of-way. While the proposal to build the road through Kenedy county caused more than one uproar, the King Ranch interests donated the right-of-way just as the state asked for it, saving an untold amount of money which would ordinarily have been a part of the cost. When the ranch interests finally were convinced of the economic value of the road to the thousands of persons who would use it, they did everything possible to facilitate its construction.

All these things add up to the reasons for the Hug-the-Coast Highway celebration in Raymondville Tuesday. They add up to the realization of one dream of 27 years—the Diamond Loop Highway. They add up to the attribute that has made South Texas one of the fastest-developing sections of Texas, through depression or prosperity—the will of its people to do and the willingness of its people to cooperate in the public interest. They add up to the steady progress of a section of Texas whose economy is rooted in agriculture and livestock-raising, whose luxuries are coming, more and more each year, from the magic of oil, whose transportation problems are being overcome steadily by land, by sea and by air, whose values stem more from the class of its citizens than from the wealth they are able to accumulate.

And so the folks from the Sabine to the Rio Grande will meet at Raymondville Tuesday. There'll be railroad men, and steamship men, and highway men and airline men, and ranchmen, and oil men, and bankers, and merchants, and preachers and newspapermen—all helping to celebrate the continued advancement of South Texas.

Sentry Shoots

Officers Laud Act At Fort Devens

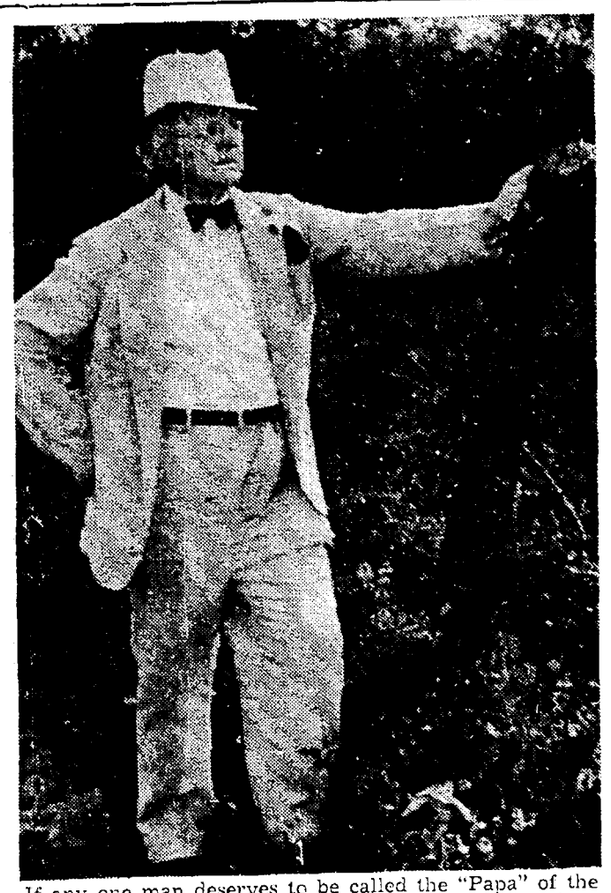
FORT DEVENS, Mass.—(AP)—An army sentry's discharge of his rifle to halt an automobile—with resultant wounding of a young woman occupant—was upheld and "commended" Saturday night by the soldier's superiors.

The bullet struck Mrs. Louise DeRocher, 25, of Nashua, N. H., in the neck, after ricocheting from the car. She suffered only a minor wound.

Army officials said Mrs. DeRocher was in an automobile which disregarded a warning to stop and drove into the fort while the sentry was examining credentials of passengers in a bus at the main gate.

The University of Mexico was founded in 1553.

'Papa' Of Highway



If any one man deserves to be called the "Papa" of the long sought Kenedy county road, it is Nat Wetzel of Raymondville, shown above in the midst of brush and sand such as was encountered by the road builders in constructing through Kenedy county one of the toughest roads to build ever attempted. Mr. Wetzell has given nearly all his time and efforts for many years to pushing for the Kenedy road. Tuesday should really be a BIG day for him.

WETZEL RIDES WITH PRESS

Willacy Leader Will Head Motorcade

RAYMONDVILLE—Nat Wetzel, one of the ardent supporters and workers for the Hug-the-Coast Highway, will leave Raymondville Monday for San Antonio to come down on the Union Bus for the press that will head the motorcade from the north.

Wetzel is particularly pleased with two telegrams he has just received, one from Isidor Diaz, engineer, director general of Mexican highways, saying that Senors Gilberto del Arenal, Manuel Dominquez and Crescancio Gonzales, division engineer of the State of Tamaulipas; all engineers from the Mexican Highway Department will meet in San Antonio for the four-day trip from San Antonio to Orange and on down the Hug-the-Coast Highway to Brownsville.

The other wire was from the Highway Department at Austin saying W. G. Staggs, resident engineer at Corpus Christi, would meet the party in San Antonio and accompany it on the entire trip.

For several years, those interested in the Hug-the-Coast Highway, which connects with the Matamoros-Victoria highway to Mexico City at Brownsville, have been eager to show the advantages of such a highway to Mexican officials.

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SPANISH, FRENCH HISTORIC ITEMS TO BE EXCHANGE

MADRID—(AP)—Fifty thousand art treasures and historical documents taken from Spanish museums by Napoleon are being returned by the Vichy government at the order of French chief of state, Philippe Petain, it was disclosed here.

The treasures include several of Murillo's works, among them the "Imaculada," jeweled crowns and tapestries.

In return for the archives, the Spanish government will send back to France part of the golden tent which King Francois I of France used at the Battle of Pavia in 1525. That relic is made of golden cloth studded with gems.



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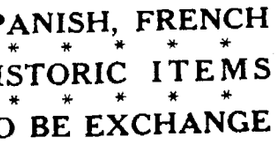
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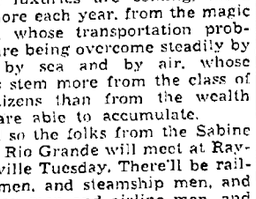
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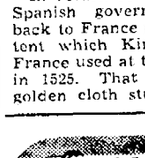
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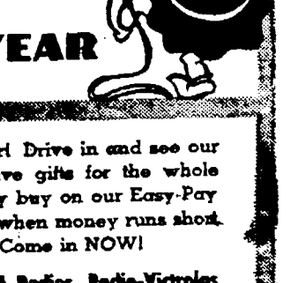
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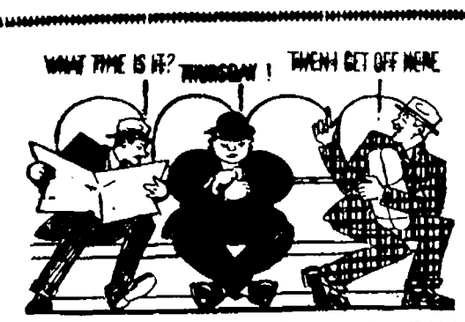
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U. S. Finds Warring Italy Is Heavy Economic Drain On German Resources

NAZIS' COAL TOPS DUCE'S IMPORT LIST

U. S. Official Shows Axis Disparity

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Indications that Italy is proving a heavy economic drain on her German Axis partner were reported Saturday by the commerce department.

Writing in the Foreign Commerce Weekly, Louis Domeratzky, chief of the department's regional information division, said an analysis showed "not only the great economic disparity between the two countries, but also the high degree of dependence of Italy on German resources."

Nazi Assistance

The full measure of German assistance to her partner cannot be ascertained because of lack of current trade statistics, he said, but the "fundamental character and scope" is disclosed in a review of their economic relations appearing in a German publication which is regarded as representing Nazi economic theories and policies.

Domeratzky said that while the article was intended to show Italy's growing economic strength, that purpose was "definitely overshadowed by the revelation of the degree of dependence of Italy on the senior totalitarian partner as a source of supply and a market."

Coal First Import

Coal occupies firt rank among commodities which Italy must import from Germany, he said, and is being supplied at a rate of 1,000,000 tons a month, which "involves considerable strain" on railway facilities.

Germany also is Italy's chief supplier of metals and metal manufactures, lumber, petroleum, and chemicals, including fertilizer, he added.

At the same time, Germany is the chief market for Italy's agricultural exports, taking one-third of her total shipments.

"It should be pointed out," he said, "that while the supplies that Germany obtains from Italy are of some importance, and include such essential products as mercury and sulphur, on the whole they are of much less importance than those for which Italy is absolutely dependent on Germany."

Rose Cup Tour

Judges Meet Monday At McAllen

McALLEN—Judges of the Valley Rose Cup competition, of which Mrs. C. H. Schwedes of Weslaco is chairman, will have luncheon at the Casa de Palmas Hotel here Monday at noon.

They will judge in McAllen, Donna, Mission, Edinburg and Pharr that day. Only one judging will be done this year, due to lack of interest in the contest in the spring.

Funds for paying expenses of the judges were collected from the cities by the McAllen Chamber of Commerce which was designated by the Valley Secretaries Association to have charge of the competition.

Nazi Farmers Are Urged To Continue Present Good Work

BERLIN —(AP)— Argentine-born German Agriculture Minister Walther Darre declared that Germany, in the second year of war, has the highest food standard in all Europe, thanks to the efforts of her farmers.

He exhorted the farmers, in a nationwide radio broadcast, to cling to Nazi farming principles to boost production and contribute their share to the German war effort. Despite hardships, Darre said, the Reich's farmers scored extraordinary increases in certain vital products.

McAllen Girl Will Be Given Audition

McALLEN—[illegible] Murray will be auditioned Mon[illegible] Kingsville for the Texas School of the Air programs to be presented during the winter by the State Department of Education.

Miss Murray, McAllen junior high school student, will play clarinet and piano accordion solos for her audition. She will be accompanied by Bill Gartland.

Tourists To Join In Music Program

McALLEN — Musical numbers from each of the city's tourist camps will be featured with Bill Gartland's junior band at a musical evening at the First Christian church Friday, December 20, at 7:30 p. m.

Sponsored by the women's auxiliary of the church, the one-hour program is open to the public, free of charge, Mrs. A. O. Scharff, president, announced Saturday.

Refugee Ship Death List Mounts To 223

ISTANBUL, Turkey —(AP)— The death list from the capsizing of a Jewish refugee ship on a reef in the Sea of Marmora mounted to 223 Saturday and officials said about one-half of the bodies had been recovered.

Survivors of the wreck of the 100-ton wooden vessel huddled in temporary camps near the shore.

Trim House With Southern Accent Built For Cash Outlay Of $416.43

By ED L. CAMPBELL
AP Feature Service

BATESVILLE, Ark.—What kind of a five-room house can be built for $416.43 cash?

Experimenters at the Arkansas livestock and forestry experiment station answer, surprisingly:

A completely modern house—solid, sound and attractive.

A model home, construction of which cost just $416.43, stands today at the station as the sign post to a new field of low-cost housing.

Into it the University of Arkansas College of Agriculture put years of investigation aimed at promoting higher standards of rural housing at minimum cost.

College extension service workers emphasized three things: Careful planning, use of home and family labor, and utilization of materials native to the farm and community.

Cash was spent only for skilled labor and commercial materials such as cement, hardware, roofing, millwork and plumbing.

A Stone Foundation

All other values incorporated into the house consisted of unskilled farm labor, native stone, sand, logs and native sawmill lumber.

Exclusive of plumbing and electricity, the same house could be building for $214.73.

Built on a low stone foundation with an "Old South" type front, the neat white cottage has a definitely attractive exterior. Interiors are built so that almost any desired finish can be used.

The usual framework and covering layers were omitted. The floors, walls, partitions and ceilings were made in "crib" style. This novel construction employs two-by-fours laid solid, in much the same manner as bricks are laid, to form a four-inch thickness. Masonry includes solid stone foundation, fireplace, flues and porch floors.

The house was finished on the outside with whitewash. Inside, the wood surfaces were smoothed and sanded and made suitable for any desired finish.

The interior also was fitted with a built-in kitchen cabinet, electric lights and plumbing. The house has two bedrooms, a living room, combined kitchen-dining room, hallway, pantry, bath and five closets.



This model five-room farm house cost $416.43 cash. It was built largely by unskilled labor using native materials.

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Roger W. Babson Says

Small Companies Now Getting Break With Help Of New Securities And Exchange Commission; Bureau Lauded

By ROGER W. BABSON

NEW YORK CITY — It becomes more and more apparent that the Securities and Exchange Commission has done a remarkable job in protecting the interests of the average investor. The Commission has proved a good watch dog of the market. Originally, the SEC Act of 1933 called for the registration of all security offerings to the public in excess of $30,000. This ceiling was raised some time ago in certain cases. The Commission announced on December 3 that domestic issuers of security issues up to $100,000 are now exempt from the registration provisions of the Act. They need not even fill out a prospectus. This will prove a great aid to small concerns. It is a step in the right direction by the SEC. The Commission should, however, move the lid over a little more and ultimately put the exemption up to $500,000.

The SEC has never used the power of the law embraced in the Security Act to its fullest extent. I believe the Commission is conscious of its power but, at the same time, is resolved to treat business gentle. Small businesses, now in need of new capital, should immediately take advantage of the new and simplified procedure. To raise up to $100,000 requires now only a letter to the nearest regional office in which a firm gives notice of its intent. Enclosed with this letter should be copies of any selling literature. Larger concerns also will, undoubtedly, be aided in the near future through being required to submit less complicated data.

Industries Hipped On Bigness

The trouble with business today is that it is like a church without a Sunday School. Without Sunday Schools, as feeders for church memberships, the doors of our religious houses would have to close. Our business structure, likewise, needs more small concerns which in time can grow into big ones. One normal reason for unemployment is the lack of employers. My father always felt a man's standing in his community depended upon whether he was an employer or an employee. Any young man who wants to become an employer should be encouraged to get into business for himself.

Smaller and younger business concerns should be favored by government agencies and bankers. This is also the best way to prevent monopolies. Unfortunately, young business men and small concerns have received scant, if any, encouragement up to the present time from government agencies. Private agencies, particularly the banks, have also given them the cold shoulder. Banks with funds of depositors to invest are still attracted to the commercial paper of large concerns at rates of one-half to one per cent. Most of our bank officials have forgotten that the present size of many of our institutions are brought about by the faith and interest their predecessors showed in the small business man and small concern. Unfortunately, collateral has superseded character in the minds of too many bank directors.

Exactly how much business has been lost to investment dealers through private placements of stock, bond, and note issues, as a result of the SEC regulations, will probably never be accurately known. That the investment banking business has dried up since the advent of the SEC is only too evident. For the first ten months of this year, which embraced the latest figures available, there was a total of $2,019,000,000 in new financing. Of this $577,700,000, or 28.6 percent, in new issues was privately placed with insurance companies, investment trusts, large estates and big individual investors. Private financing of utilities has nearly doubled in the past three years.

I forecast a new deal for investment dealers and a distinct change from a desire by investors to own only the "blue chips." There are small concerns, both listed and unlisted, that are destined to enjoy great growth and profits. Investment dealers should take on a new lease of life and get wise to coming changes. They should anticipate the trend of interest in small companies and resulting small flotations. We all should swim with it, rather than against the tide. From now on the "unlisted" business should increase with leaps and bounds.

This anticipated interest in small companies and the changing status of many men from employee to employer class should especially benefit the smaller communities. The 1940 census figures show conclusively how the growth of many large urban centers has already stopped. Salaries, wages, living costs, and especially taxes are lower in the small towns, nearly all of which now have good transportation and other facilities necessary for the small manufacturer. Horace Greely advised the young man to go West. Our great West is still a land of many opportunities, but regardless of the young man of today's direction, let him locate in a relatively small community. Business men and investors alike should remember that, if one knows how to use it, "a small fire warms better than a large one!"

P-SJ-A CHOIR SETS PROGRAM

Students Will Sing Tuesday Night

PHARR—The A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Ward Timmons, director of vocal music, will present its first full concert of the year at the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo high school auditorium Tuesday night, December 17.

The P-SJ-A choir has received high praise from music lovers for its excellent renditions, achieved in a short time.

Timmons said secret of the choir's success lies in the rigid discipline of the group during the rehearsals and in the intense concentration during the performance itself.

The concert program will be presented in four groups with a very fine variety program after the intermisison by the high school sextette, composed of Anna Mae Flowers, Marjorie Britten, Edwella Draeger, Wilia Jean Faris, Dorothy Moseley, and Mae Marie Buckner, with Paul Flowers accompanist; gay ninety ballads by Bob Ricks, a member of the choir; duet, composed of A. W. Yeats, tenor, of the high school English faculty and Joy Levens, soprano, a member of the choir. Miss Daisy Ellen Polk, soprano, who teaches music in Pharr grammar school, will sing a Christmas number.

Choir program offers the following compositions: Group I—"Tenebrae Factae Sunt," Palestrine; "Hark Now Shepherds," Luvacs; "Voix Celestes," Alcock; "How Blest Are They," P. Tschaikowsky.

Group II—"Say Thou Lovest Me," Noble Cain; "Dear Land of Home," from "Finlandia," Sibelius; "God Bless America," Berlin-Timmons; "Star-Spangled Banner," Key.

Group III—"Love Divine," (Welsh choral) Prichard-Jones; "In the Night Christ Came Walking," Cain; "Lullaby on Christmas Eve," Christiansen; "Ole' Arks A-Moverin'," Cain.

Group IV—"Resting in His Love," Soderstrom; "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," Lutkin.

Edinburg To Name New C. C. Manager

EDINBURG—Selection of a manager for the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce is expected to take place soon, President Otto Kusel announced Saturday, but no date has been set for the next board of directors' meeting, at which action on the selection is scheduled.

The chamber is to name a successor to S. M. (Pat) Patterson, who served here a month before accepting a better position with the Littlefield chamber in West Texas.

Last Picture Of Lothian



This is one of the last pictures made of Lord Lothian, British ambassador to the United States, who died unexpectedly as the result of a uremic infection. The picture was made at the embassy in Washington as Lord Lothian received for shipment to England gifts of dolls and toys from Junior Red Cross members. With him are, left to right: Joan Ford, Phyllis Killinger and John Doyle.

Messenger Boy Hero, Helping Catch Hold Up Man Chased By Manager Of Sandwich Ship Who Gets Wounded

HOUSTON—(AP)—An 18-year-old messenger boy and a sandwich shop manager Saturday thwarted a 28-year-old bandit who attempted to hold up the shop.

"This is a stick-up," the bandit announced, flourishing a pistol as he entered.

Charles Bates, night manager, handed over the receipts, then grabbed a butcher knife and threw it at the man.

The bandit fired at Bates but missed and the manager pursued him as he ran down the street.

Suddenly, the bandit turned and fired thrice more at Bates. One bullet wounded the manager in the leg.

The telegraph messenger, Jack W. Baldridge, heard the firing, tackled the robber and held him until the wounded Bates caught up and helped disarm the man.

Man Is Convicted On Check Charge

EDINBURG—Convicted in county court of swindling with a worthless check, Floyd C. West was fined $1 and costs Saturday. Assistant District Attorney Hollis Rankin prosecuted for the state.

Grand Coulee dam, which will cost $118,000,000, is the most expensive ever projected.

FIRM IS PAID FOR SERVICES

Engineers May Seek Hidalgo Contract

EDINBURG—County Tax Collector Clay Everhard said Saturday he had written Pritchard and Abbott, Fort Worth valuation engineering firm, asking whether they would seek another contract to evaluate Hidalgo county property in 1941.

The company handled oil properties in 1939 and both oil and utilities in 1940, but have not asked for a renewal of their contract, the collector said.

A check for $521 for most of 1939 work was mailed to the firm yesterday, he said. The contract provides that the firm be paid four cents per each $100 valuation made by them on which taxes have been paid.

Everhard said a new contract must be signed between now and January 15, 1941, in order that the work can be completed by April 30.

The $521 paid yesterday on the 1939 valuation does not represent the total amount for that year, according to the auditor's office. Pritchard and Abbott claim they are due about $700. The dispute lies in bookkeeping methods, it was explained.

The commissioners' court last Tuesday gave Everhard authority to seek renewal of the Pritchard and Abbott contract. County officials said the firm must not have been satisfied with their returns from the oil valuations or they would have pressed for another contract some time ago.

Everhard said the Fort Worth engineers could do the work much cheaper than his staff or any local engineer because they are doing the same work for 52 counties and have a man at Austin to check necessary oil, gas and pipeline reports on which much of the valuation must be based.

McAllen Officials Pay Parking Fines

McALLEN—Overparking on Friday the thirteenth proved unlucky for Mayor Horace Etchison's wife and the attorney for the city gas system.

Mrs. Etchison and Attorney E. A. McDaniel were each fined $1 by City Judge C. D. Martin Saturday morning with Mrs. Mary Hyatt.

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LOLL—A kid shoe in wine, royal blue and black. 3.95

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Everybody loves Daniel Green slippers for Christmas gifts. They're always so useful . . . so good-looking! And, because they come in all sizes, it's easy to pick out a pair for anybody.

Come in and see our special Christmas selection.

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(3) RITZ—A satin shoe in dubonnet and black. 4.95

(4) D'ORSAY—Black kid. Widths AAA to C. Sizes 4 to 10. 3.95

(5) JOLLI—A satin shoe in dubonnet and black. 3.95

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An ordinary adult should consume between 500 and 600 units of Vitamin BI daily, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture Bulletin No. 57.

That's why you will prefer Sally Ann's New Vitalized "Made O'-Grapefruit" Bread. It contains those all-important vitamins.

We have perfected this new loaf only after months of careful and scientific experiments. We believe you will agree with us that our new Vitalized "Made O' Grapefruit" loaf is more delicious and more nutritious than you ever dreamed bread could be.

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Ask for the original "Made O'-Grapefruit" bread, protected by U. S. Copyright No. 411-508 in the Golden Rod wrapper with the red, white and blue band.

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What Does Grapefruit Juice Mean To A Loaf Of Bread?

The answer is: "PLENTY!"—Sally Ann "Made O' Grapefruit Bread, made under our own copyrighted trademark is BIG NEWS to lovers of fine bread because

Its Delicate flavor is unequalled by any other bread.

Its golden texture which makes it ideal for toasting nuisance

It contains more Vitamin C, thanks to the quantity of Valley grapefruit juice contained in eve ry loaf.

But there is an even more facinating and vital reason why every man, woman and child in the Lower Rio Grande Valley should choose "Made O' Grapefruit" bread.

Here is the reason:—Grapefruit juice is a new and sensational discovery in the baking industry. It has been found to have unique and unlimited possibilities.

The time is coming when baking companies all over the nation will recognize the advantage of "Made O'Grapefruit" Bread.

When this time arrives a vast new market will be created for the Valley's most important agricultural product.

If only one tenth of all the bread baked every day in the United States contained grapefruit juice, every pound of grapefruit grown in Texas, Florida, and California would be needed to supply the necessary juice.

As the reputation of "Made O' Grapefruit" Bread spreads, the demand for grapefruit juice will grow swiftly. Bakers can afford to pay good prices for grapefruit juice because its unique properties permit economics in the ordinary baking process.

Any baking plant can afford to pay enough for grapefruit juice to justify a price of $10 or even $15 per ton to grove owners.

Think of what this promises for the Valley. As more people try "Made O'Grapefruit" Bread and find it is better bread, its popularity will spread throughout the country. Other baking plants, already interested, will begin producing grapefruit bread. A vast new outlet for Valley grapefruit juice will be created. Instead of a surplus of grapefruit,there will be a shortage.

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You can see and test this difference in every loaf of delicious Sally Ann "Made O' Grapefruit" bread. Every loaf is made with the famous KIMBELL'S BEST.

A special "whole grain" flour, milled to our own exacting specifications by the

KIMBELL-DIAMOND MILLING Co., Ft. Worth & Sherman, Tex.

KIMBELL'S BEST is better flour because it contains all the natural foods packed in every grain of wheat. Only the coarse bran hull is removed in milling. All the minerals, vitamins, protein and carbohydrates in the natural grain are retained in KIMBELL'S BEST flour.

You get the full, rich food values of natural wheat—nutritious and healthful—in every slice of Sally Ann "Made O' Grapefruit" bread.

It's the same delicious flavor you can remember as a child when mother baked all her own bread.

It's the same delicious flavor found in home-made bread—the flavor you love.

Compare a slice of Sally Ann "Made O' Grapefruit" bread with a slice of ordinary baker's bread. Notice the rich, firm texture; the appetizing "fresh-baked" aroma; the creamy color of Sally Ann bread. You'll understand why we say, "Flour makes a big difference."

Some types of flour are so intensely milled in the effort to produce a "snowy white" flour that much of the original food value in the wheat grain is lost during the milling process. KIMBELL'S BEST loses no part of the wheat grain in milling except the coarse bran hull. All the rich food elements found in wheat are retained in KIMBELL'S BEST flour.

Nor is KIMBELL'E BEST subjected to artificial coloring process. Most so-called "white" flours are chemically bleached to give added whiteness. This chemical bleaching is not used in producing KIMBELL'S BEST.

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MADE O' GRAPE FRUIT BREAD Looks Better Tastes Better And It's Better For YOU

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GERMAN SUB BASE RAIDED AT BORDEAUX

Destructive Attack Is RAF Claim

By The Associated Press

LONDON—A swift and destructive raid on the submarine base of the great southwest French port of Bordeaux was credited officially Saturday to bombers of the RAF coastal command.

It was the newest British counter-stroke at the U-boat menace which is the outstanding peril in the siege of this island kingdom—one of a series of raids which authoritative sources declared are causing "grave concern" to German military leaders.

Factories Bombed

On the German North Sea coast, the shipyards and docks of Kiel and the factories of Bremen were bombed by other British raiders, and docks and airdromes in the Netherlands were attacked.

The glow of strong fires from incendiary bombs penetrated the heavy clouds over Bremen, the air ministry said.

Authoritative sources said Saturday the RAF has made 35 raids on Berlin alone and that the Hamm Railway has been bombed no fewer than 85 times "in the operations against Berlin."

Railroads Disorganized

The railway network across Germany has been severely disorganized by raids, these sources declared, adding that since October the Nazi submarine base at Lorient, France, has been "plastered" by bombs 30 times.

They listed these additional results of RAF forays:

More than 60 raids on Hamburg, greatest shipping port on the European continent, and the port is now "almost unrecognizable" and "practically useless."

The Dortmund-Ems Canal, vital junction of the German canal system, has been attacked more than 30 times and industrial works, munitions factories and oil plants have been "destroyed" in nearly 60 raids on Cologne in the Rhineland industrial area.

Rotterdam Hard Hit

Rotterdam also has felt the sting of the RAF bombers in 30 raids, and some 20 "concentrated attacks" have been made on the Wallhaven airdrome.

Other RAF flights have dropped bombs on Essen, site of the Krupp Munitions Plant, 36 times; on Gelsenkirchen, 40 times. The Bremen wireless base, where "Lord Haw Haw" nightly jibes at Britain, has been under attack by the RAF more than 50 times.

In addition, the RAF has bombed almost nightly the channel ports from which it was expected that the Nazis would launch their invasion of the British ports. Boulogne alone has had 60 raids, and Dunkerque 40.

Middle East Visited

In the middle east, the sources said, Tobruk, Libya, has been bombed 43 times, and Turin, Italy, housing the great Fiat Works, has been raided 14 times.

"In addition, these sources said, no effort has been spared to help the Greeks drive the Italians into the Adriatic."

Pan American Opens New Orleans Office For Southern Route

NEW ORLEANS —(AP)— Pan American Airways Saturday announced the opening of its offices here in the expectation of developing air service between New Orleans and Pan American countries.

Officials of the company announced that it had made formal application to the Civil Aeronautics Board last January for expanding service through New Orleans and was awaiting decision of the board.

Rusk's Benefactor Succumbs Saturday

RUSK—(AP)—A flower lover who turned his hobby into a civic enterprise and spent his spare time for several years in beautifying Rusk's city lake died here Saturday.

He was Yates Smith, 62, a native of Cherokee county, who for some 12 years was Rusk's city water superintendent.

Model Plane Activities

By GARVER MURRAY

When R. G. Temple, Jr., turned his plane loose last Sunday, he didn't expect it to wind up in jail, but that is where it is at this writing.

In the ten minutes and thirty seconds out of sight flight, it flew right into Mexico, landing at a ranch at Panalita, twelve miles east of Ric Rico, and the Mexicans thought it was some sort of bomb, and notified the authorities at Matamoros. They came ont and took the plane into town, and in the absence of the mayor, who was out hunting, they put the model in jail. Mr. Louis Bruly, who is connected with the U. S. D. A., and who found out about the model being in Mexico, has made necessary arrangements with custom officials to return it to this side of the river, as soon at the mayor comes back from hunting, and releases it. This is the first time to my knowledge, that a plane took off on a flight and wound up in jail in another country.

Mr. W. T. Gooch was down and said that the best way to get to the flying field today, is to turn north on the first road west of the flood way, and turn back east at the first road, then straight ahead to the same location that we used before. He also was needing some repairs to his motor, cause it got the worst end of a crack-up, but he said his Wedgie would be ready again for today. Gene Brown is trying his hand at a redesigned Wedgie for his Ohlsson 23—what happened to your other plane, Gene? Tommy Jo Lambertson and Eugene White are still trying to get another winning rubber powered job together—Eugene has built one.

I hear Phil Atteberry has a new way of flying at night, he uses long leads on his boosters, and runs around after his plane carrying them, and when the plane gets the best of him he just pulls his leads loose, and stops the motor—some fun, eh? How about putting some shears on your landing gear, and cutting out some of that brush up there, Phil?

It seems that the folks down at Los Fresnos are getting anxious to see some more flying, how about getting up a gang to go down there during the holidays, and putting on an exhibition just for fun. Sam can let me know if the folks want to see it, he owes me a visit anyway.

By the way, Sam has ordered an Ohlsson 60—but the order was so hot it burned the factory down when it reached there. Mr. Ohlsson has asked that everyone bear with him, and that they will get back into production just as fast as they can, no records or orders were lost in the fire.

I have noticed that so many of the boys have trouble with their motors starting, did you know that ninety-nine percent of motor trouble is traced to faulty ignition wiring? So check up on that wiring in your models, see that the connections are clean, and that they don't touch each other. Keep your spark plugs clean, be careful and don't break the porcelain, or if it is already broken replace it with a new plug. Keep your fuel mixture clean, and don't drop your eye-droppers in the dirt, then fill up your crankcase with a mixture of sand and dirt. I want you boys to remember your gas model pledge, and be sure you have picked a good location for testing your models, and don't be testing them in vacant lots in town. Go outside the city limits, if it is too far to your local airport, and then be sure the field manager knows you are there, that is when you are at the airport. We don't want to get anyone hurt. FLY SAFELY. It is estimated that more than two million, five hundred thousand model airplanes will be flown in flights this year by modelers following official regulations. When one considers the tremendous importance of this activity in making the nation more airminded one cannot help but realize the vast importance of aeromodeling to full scale aviation. But we must pay attention to the rules and regulations laid down by the Academy of Model Aeronautics, they are for your good, and benefit; please obey the rules. (Has anyone seen Bo Scott lately?)

Adios.

The war department has designated some 75,000 miles of highways, already built, as a "strategic network" particularly well adapted to military needs.

YULE EXHIBIT TAKES AWARD

Edcouch Club Marks Home-Made Xmas

EDCOUCH—"Home-Made Christmas" formed the theme for the prize-winning exhibit shown by the Lone Star Home Demonstration Club of Edcouch, at the Weslaco Birthday Show. The exhibit was awarded first place and $15.

The winning exhibit was arranged in a 10-foot space which was set apart from the other exhibits by a home-made chain or rope. At the back of the booth was a decorated tree bearing such ornaments as metal disks, miniature cotton sheep, small Santa Claus made of similar material, silver bells, and tinsel baubles. All of these multi-colored decorations were brought out in strong relief against the green background of the tree by garlands and festoons of pop corn and cranberries. Tree was topped by a gold metal angel. To the rear and above the tree was a realistic Christmas wreath made of crissa and small red Mexican peppers.

On steps leading up to the tree were arranged about 35 gifts. Among the gifts displayed were a crocheted table cloth, a knitted sweater, a fruit cake, alabaster book ends, embroidered dish towels, kitchen aprons, Christmas cards, quilt, dolls, pot holders and canned goods.

Much credit is due the committee composed of Mesdames Hoke McKim, club president; John D. Pickens, and Clyde C. Hand for working out and arranging of this exhibit.

WEATHER

(Official U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast)

THE VALLEY: Cloudy, occasional light rain or drizzle, not much change in temperature. Moderate to fresh northerly winds.

LOUISIANA: Cloudy, occasional light rain or drizzle Sunday and Monday, slightly colder Sunday. Moderate, occasionally fresh, north and northeast winds on the coast.

ARKANSAS: Cloudy, occasional ligth rain or drizzle Sunday and Monday, not much change in temperature Sunday, Monday slightly warmer.

EAST TEXAS: Cloudy, occasional light rain or drizzle, with freezing rain or drizzle over extreme northwest portion, not much change in temperature Sunday; Monday cloudy, occasional light rain or drizzle, slightly warmer over northwest portion. Moderate to fresh northerly winds on the coast.

MISSOURI: Cloudy, occasional light rain in southeast, freezing rain northeast portion Sunday; Monday mostly cloudy, not so cold west and north portions.

KANSAS: Partly cloudy and warmer west and central, cloudy extreme east portion Sunday; Monday generally fair and warmer.

OKLAHOMA: Cloudy, light freezing drizzle east and south portions Sunday; Monday mostly cloudy, occasional light rain southeast portion, warmer Monday and in Panhandle Sunday.

ARIZONA: Fair Sunday and Monday. Colder Sunday night and over west and central portions Sunday afternoon. Warmer west portion Monday.

NEW MEXICO: Partly cloudy with occasional light snow over mountains west portion, mostly cloudy with intermittent light snow or drizzle east portion Sunday with slowly improving conditions east portion late Sunday. Monday fair west portion and decreasing cloudiness east portion. Slightly colder west portion late Sunday.

WEST TEXAS: Mostly cloudy with intermittent light freezing drizzle Sunday, conditions improving slowly southwest portion late Sunday. Monday slowly decreasing cloudiness with occasional drizzle southeast portion. Continued cold Sunday with temperatures slowly moderating Monday.

The Tides

The tides for Sunday: High tides at 1:17 a. m. and 3:14 p. m. Low tides at 9:16 a. m. and 10:23 p. m.

The tabular data is for the 24 hours preceding yesterday at 6:30 a. m.

STATION	Highest last 24 hours	Lowest last Night	Precipitation (inches)
Abilene	37	26	.39
Albuquerque	51	31	.00
Amarillo	20	14	.03
Albany, N. Y.	38	14	.00
Atlanta	53	32	.22
Boston	52	20	.00
Chicago	28	25	.00
Cincinnati	36	30	.04
Cleveland	32	24	.00
Corpus Christi	71	46	.04
Del Rio	50	47	.01
Denver	8	—11	.00
Detroit	25	15	.00
Dodge City	12	10	.05
El Paso	41	21	.00
Fort Smith	45	40	.12
Fort Worth	41	33	.50
Galveston	66	50	1.62
Havre, Mont.	9	— 7	.00
Huron	9	5	.01
Jacksonville	70	54	.00
Kansas City	22	19	.00
Memphis	47	41	.00
Miami	79	64	.00
Mobile	67	61	1.65
New Orleans	66	60	.44
New York City	54	29	.00
Norfolk	72	40	.17
North Platte	5	3	.18
Oklahoma City	39	20	.00
Palestine	50	43	.06
Pittsburgh	37	26	.03
St. Louis	34	29	.13
Salt Lake City	25	6	.00
San Antonio	55	43	.00
Sheridan	8	—13	.00
Shreveport	60	45	.00
Tampa	78	63	.00
Washington	38	24	.23
Williston	14	3	.00
Wilmington, N. C.	72	37	.00

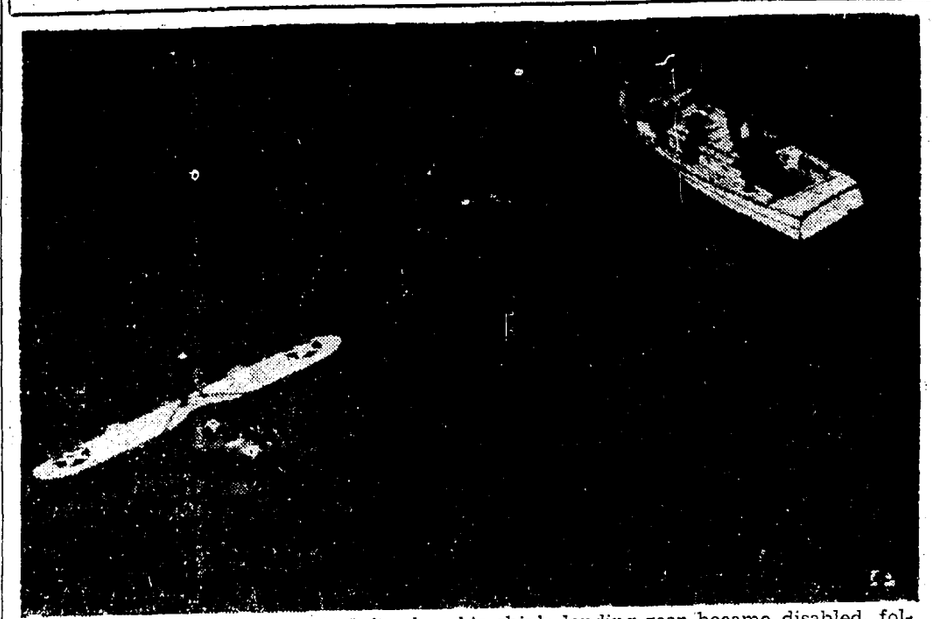
ALAMO—Mr. and Mrs. David F. Smith of Yakima, Washington, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Cloughley and son.



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A naval reserve pilot, caught aloft when his ship's landing-gear became disabled, followed orders and put his plane (left) down successfully in Jamaica bay, New York. Here a coast guard boat (right) takes charge after removing the crew and putting a mechanic aboard the partly submerged plane to begin salvage. The pilot was Ensign R. A. Winston.

Cold Wind Ends Tub Sit-Down Strike

Three Boys In Hurry To Bathe For Dates Pout For 11 Hours

PARKVILLE, Mo.—(AP)—Three Park College freshmen, disputing prior rights to a dormitory bathtub, went on a sitdown strike—in the tub.

Cold water, turned on by other students with cleanliness ideas, failed to end the contest. Finally, someone opened dormitory windows. Cold blasts of winterish air routed the three sitters at 3 o'clock Saturday morning, some 11 hours after the Marathon began.

Meanwhile, three young coeds, waited and waited for dates that didn't show up.

The tub sitters wouldn't discuss the episode Saturday, but fellow students told this story:

Max Lowe of Casper, Wyo., started cleaning up for a date at 4 p. m., Friday. Soon, in the opinion of Bill Turner, also of Casper, Lowe "had been in there long enough." An argument began over "time limits" for bathing.

Finally, Turner climbed into the tub with Lowe. He had a date, too, and was in a hurry. But instead of bathing the boys argued. Each then decided to out-sit the other.

Soon along came Bob Gaiser of Kansas City. He also had a date and was in a hurry to bathe. But his classmates declined to vacate the tub—So he climbed in, too.

All three just sat there.

The hours passed. Time for dates slipped by. Still no truce.

About midnight other students, protesting the tub was a community privilege, turned on cold water in the tub, whose contents long since had grown lukewarm. Failure. The sitters shivered—and continued to sit.

Early this morning somebody opened dormitary windows. That worked. Out raced Lowe, Turner and Gaiser, teeth chattering.

Sometime during the argument the three made a "last-man" bet. Gaiser paid off with a round of triple-egg malted milks.

Citrus Growers Are Warned Against Accepting Checks On Outside Banks

EDINBURG — District Attorney Tom L. Hartley of Hidalgo county cautioned citrus growers and shippers Saturday against the possibility of losses they may sustain by accepting out-of-state checks for their fruit.

This is the time of year, when fruit sales are heavy and shipments are numerous, that fruit sellers should "thoroughly investigate" checks written to them on banks in other states, the prosecutor said. He makes the warning annually in an effort to reduce the number of "hot" check cases filed with his office.

Prosecution of cases involving checks on out-of-state banks, Hartley explained, is difficult. In event such a check is proved to be bogus and even if the check writer is apprehended, the work of presenting evidence before a district court is burdensome because it involves extradition proceedings between two governors, Hartley said. No funds are available for bringing witnesses from an out-of-state point to appear in court, nor are there funds available for the district attorney's office to send representatives before the governors asking extradition of a defendant, if he is arrested in some other state.

Despite the removal of many handicaps by passage of the Texas "hot" check law, which took effect in September of 1939, prosecution of such cases has been simplified in Texas but is still a major problem when residents or banks in other states are involved.

There are two kinds of "hot" checks, Hartley said. One is the misdemeanor type of case in which a check for less than $50 is involved, the other a felony in which more than $50 is involved. The former type of case is tried in county courts, the latter is district. Under the new Texas check law, the county court is now authorized to subpoena witnesses from other counties. But the opposite is true in out-of-state cases, where a witness can be asked to appear in court in this state but cannot be forced to do so under any existing regulation.

In most cases involving bogus checks written on an out-of-state bank, a teller from the bank must testify in the case to establish the state's evidence as to fraud. Thus many prosecutions are halted when it is impossible to convince the bank official of the necessity of his attendance, especially in view of the fact that he would have to bear his own expenses of transportation to the trial.

No Tickets Are Left For Sugar Bowl Tilt

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—Every seat in the 70,000 capacity Sugar Bowl football stadium here has been sold for the 1941 New Year's Day classic between Tennessee and Boston College, A. M. Goldberg, president of the New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association, announced. He said there was no need for anyone else to apply as every seat and also every combination ticket for the calendar week of sports had been disposed of.

Greece's Attache To Washington Enroute

LISBON, Portugal—(AP)—Col. E. Papvassiliou, formerly of the Greek general staff who recently arrived here from Athens, has been appointed Greek military attache at Washington and will leave shortly by trans-Atlantic clipper on what he termed a "special important mission."

Local Library Gets Civil Service Book

HARLINGEN—New "Civil Service Manual," by Sidney Alten, director of the New York Civil Service Institute, has been received at the local library, Mrs. Gerald McKenna, librarian, said Saturday.

The book is described as a complete home study course for all federal, state and city civil service examinations, and lists trial tests and requirements.

Blazing Fires And Neat Tents Await 36 Division

CAMP BOWIE, Brownwood, Tex.—(AP)—Thirty-sixth Division troops en route here Saturday through freezing rain will find squad tents erected, their cots set up and gas fires blazing in each dwelling unit.

Woolens will be ready for issuance to all units from South Texas, and each man's size is already known to expedite distribution of warm clothing to 7500 officers and men due here Saturday afternoon in 56 motor movements.

Col. Ernest O. Thompson, division quarter-master, made arrangements to have dwelling units ready for the troops, which were not affected by Friday's order delaying movement of the major body of the thirty-sixth to the site of their one-year training grind here.

"We'll have everything but a cup of hot coffee waiting in their tents," he quipped, eyeing the freezing mist.

"They'll have a hot supper, and units from South Texas will get their woolens first thing after arrival. North Texas units have already been issued winter clothing."

Service and headquarters troops coming in by motor convoy Saturday to begin the major task of readying the camp for the 12,000 men who will be here soon after Christmas from Fort Worth, Dallas, Austin, New Braunfels, San Antonio, Denison, Marshall and Houston. Most of them are expected by mid-afternoon when Major General Claude V. Birkhead, commander of the thirty-sixth, will be officially welcomed by Brownwood and Brown county officials.

Main roads leading into the camp were made a little more serviceable Saturday with tons of rock and caliche, furnishing fairly good footing for swarming supply trucks.

All work that can be done in the misting rain will be pressed day and night in an effort to have the camp completed by December 27, the construction quartermaster's office announced.

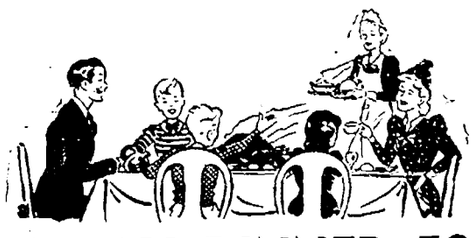
CITY HALL PUT ON BROWNSVILLE CLEAN-UP LIST

BROWNSVILLE — Even the Brownsville municipal building and city hall doesn't escape the eye of the Brownsville Fire Department inspectors and City Manager Ben Freudenstein Friday was handed the following notice:

"Rubbish, untidiness, ashes or trash in building. Trash or waste receptacles unsafe. Accumulation of empty boxes and barrels in building. Paint room and storeroom on second floor should be given thorough cleaning."

The report was signed by A. Briseno, inspector for the city fire marshal's office.

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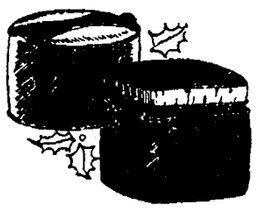
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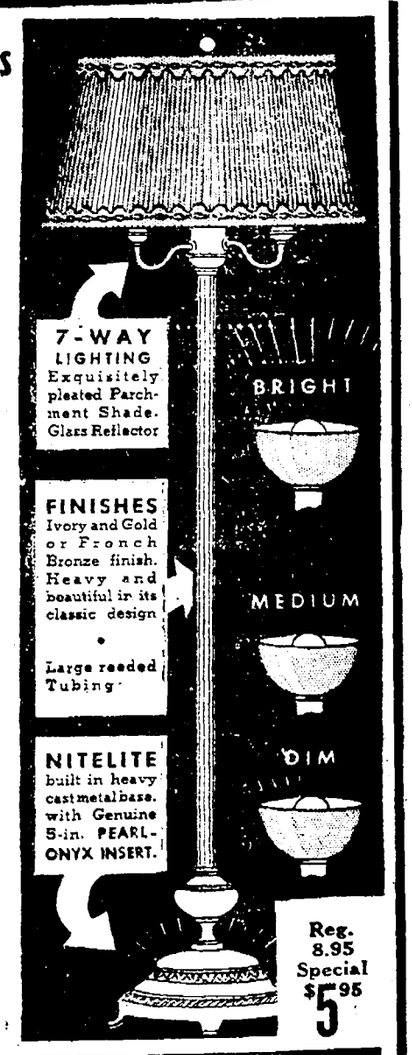
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Potatoes Without Soil Or Sunlight, Fabrics Made Without Wool, Cotton Fully Possible With New Chemistry

CHICAGO—(AP)—Potatoes produced without soil or sunlight? Fabrics made without wool or cotton?

It can be done by the magic of electrochemistry, Dr. Colin G. Fink of Columbia University says.

Dr. Fink told the National Industrial Chemical conference Friday that while "it is difficult to prophesy without being fantastic" the artificial production of foodstuffs and fabrics is fully possible.

Fundamentally, Dr. Fink explained, the synthetic production of potatoes requires nothing more than the substitution of one form of energy, electricity, for another, light, just as the sunlight furnishes the energy for plants to create starches, so electricity can be used as the energy for manufacturing these same compounds artificially.

In the synthetic production of potatoes, the constituents of potato starch—carbon, hydrogen and oxygen—are driven together to form the compound by means of electricity. This same "driving together," he said, is done in plants by light furnished by the sun.

Dr. Fink said that fabrics may be made electrically in the near future and that they may become more popular than natural wool or cotton.

This process would utilize the phenomenon of electrophoresis—the migration of particles in a solution from one part to another brought on by an electric field.

By placing in solution various compounds, such as wood pulp or rayon, and then drawing the particles together electrically into "mats" or "tufts," out of which fabric can be woven, "a new textile industry may be born," he said.

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Class A-B All-Star Squad Named For Citrus Bowl Game Dec. 27

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Coaches Pick 30 Gridders For Big Game

Tickets Go On Sale On Wednesday

HARLINGEN — The all-senior Class A and B squad which will meet the Class AA team in the Citrus Bowl game the night of December 27 in Harlingen, was named Saturday by Coaches Bob Martin of Mission and Ivo Schoppe of Donna.

All members of the 30-man squad have been approached, and all wish to play, so no changes are contemplated. The Citrus Bowl game is supposed, its sponsors said again Saturday, to match all-senior squads from the two groups.

AA Squad Named Soon

Coaches Brooks Conover and Dutch Flory of the AA squad have not been able to contact all of the eligible players of the AA teams yet, but expected Saturday to be able to announce personnel of their squad in another day or two.

Tickets go on sale Wednesday, Lions Clubs sponsors announced Saturday. They will be made available at all Valley cities simultaneously, it was stated, with all of the 12 sponsoring Lions Club having charge of the ticket sale.

Tickets Regular Price

As previously announced, the tickets will sell for prices similar to those charged for regular season games, being 50 cents for general admission, 75 cents for reserved seats, and 25 cents for school children. There will be approximately 800 reserved seats.

The 30-player squad announced by Coaches Schoppe and Martin includes five ends, six tackles, six guards, three centers, and 10 backs, drawn from the various Class A and Class B squads of the sector.

30 Men On Squad

Ends include Peeples and Tomme of Donna, Covington of Edcouch-Elsa, and Young and Seibert of Mercedes.

Tackles will be Bucy of Raymondville, Lagerstam of Lyford, Adame of Mercedes, Nusbaum of Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Hatchenberg of Weslaco and Kieddenger of Weslaco.

Guards are Johnson of Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Robie of Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Haning of Lyford, Guerra of Mission, Richardson of Donna and Snyder of Edcouch-Elsa.

Centers will be Kluckman of Raymondville, Delaney of Mercedes and Purdue of Pharr-San Juan-Alamo.

Backs include Villegas of Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Ross of Lyford, Wilson of Lyford, Garza of Mission, Avila of Donna, Wills of Donna, Foust of La Feria, Stevens of Weslaco, Dalton of Mercedes and Calloway of Raymondville.

Beginning of practice sessions will be announced soon. The Class A and B All-Stars will hold their practices on the Donna gridiron.

Schedule Is Set For Texas Mines

DALLAS — (AP) — Seven of nine Texas College of Mines football games for 1941 have been arranged and other has been tentatively scheduled, Mack Saxon, athletic director and head coach of the Border Conference team at El Paso said Saturday.

Saxon, one-time University of Texas great, said that either Gonzaga University's Bulldogs of Spokane or Marquette University Golden Avalanche of Milwaukee, Wis., would be met by his Miners at El Paso on November 15.

Games definitely scheduled include:

Sept. 27—Arizona State (Flagstaff) at El Paso.

Oct. 4—University of New Mexico at Albuquerque.

Oct. 11—Louisiana Tech at El Paso.

Oct. 25—Hardin-Simmons University at El Paso.

Nov. 1—University of Arizona at Tucson.

Nov. 8—Arizona State (Tempe) at Tempe.

Nov. 22—New Mexico Aggies at El Paso.

The Mines sports director said that another game would be scheduled for either mid-September or on October 18.

Majors To Open Season April 14

CHICAGO—(AP)— You can make your plans now for the opening of baseball's 1941 major league season.

On April 14 the New York Yankees will play at Washington for the sport's annual ceremonial start, major league officials decided. The next day the program for the big start will be:

National League: St. Louis at Cincinnati, Pittsburgh at Chicago, Boston at Philadelphia, New York at Brooklyn.

American League: Detroit at St. Louis, Chicago at Cleveland, Philadelphia at New York, Washington at Boston.

Athletics, Pirates To Meet Frequently

PHILADELPHIA —(AP)— Manager Connie Mack announced Saturday the Athletics had carded 39 spring exhibition games. These included:

April 5, Pittsburgh at El Paso, Tex; 6, Pittsburgh at El Paso; 7, Pittsburgh at Albuquerque, N. Mex.; 8, Pittsburgh at Clovis, N. M.; 9, Pittsburgh at Oklahoma City.

The standard gauge of railways is 4 feet 8 1-2 inches.

Two Of The Class A-B All-Stars



Here are two of those 30 players forming the Class A and B All-Star team which will engage the AA All-Stars in the first annual Citrus Bowl charity game at Harlingen, the night of December 27. The youngster sidestepping the photographer (left) is Billy Wilson, 148-pound speedster who was one of the two big guns in the attack of Lyford's Class B champions. Wilson led Valley scorers this season with 86 points. The big fellow coming at you in the photo at right is Joe Adame, 200-pound tackle who was a power in the Mercedes line all season and a thorn in the side of Tiger opponents. He's going to be an awful lot of trouble to the AA boys December 27, and you can bet they all know it. (Staff Photos.)

Valley's Basketball Schedules

GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE

Tuesday, January 14
Brownsville at Edinburg
Harlingen at Mercedes
Raymondville vs. La Feria at Harlingen

Friday, January 17
Edinburg at Harlingen
Raymondville at Brownsville
La Feria at Mercedes

Tuesday, January 21
Raymondville at Edinburg
La Feria at Harlingen
Brownsville at Mercedes

Friday, January 24
La Feria at Edinburg
Raymondville at Mercedes
Harlingen at Brownsville.

Tuesday, January 28
Mercedes at Edinburg
La Feria at Brownsville
Raymondville at Harlingen

Friday, January 31
Edinburg at Brownsville
Mercedes at Harlingen
Raymondville vs. La Feria at Harlingen

Tuesday, February 4
Harlingen at Edinburg
Raymondville at Brownsville
La Feria at Mercedes

Friday, February 7
Raymondville at Edinburg
La Feria at Harlingen
Brownsville at Mercedes

Tuesday, February 11
Edinburg at La Feria
Raymondville at Mercedes
Brownsville at Harlingen

Friday, February 14
Edinburg at Mercedes
La Feria at Brownsville
Raymondville at Harlingen.

RIO LEAGUE

Tuesday, January 7
Weslaco at Edcouch
McAllen at Donna
Pharr at Mission

Tuesday, January 14
Weslaco at Pharr
McAllen at Mission
La Joya at Edcouch

Friday, January 17
La Joya at Pharr
Donna at Mission
McAllen at Weslaco

Tuesday, January 21
Edcouch at Pharr
Donna at Weslaco
La Joya at McAllen

Friday, January 24
Donna at La Joya
Edcouch at McAllen
Mission at Weslaco

Monday, January 27
Edcouch at Donna
Pharr at McAllen
Mission at La Joya

Wednesday, January 29
Mission at Edcouch
Weslaco at La Joya
Pharr at Donna

Friday, January 31
Edcouch at Weslaco
Donna at McAllen
Mission at Pharr

Monday, February
Pharr at Weslaco
Mission at McAllen
Edcouch at La Joya

Wednesday, February 5
Pharr at La Joya
Mission at Donna
Weslaco at McAllen

Friday, February 7
Pharr at Edcouch
Weslaco at Donna
McAllen at La Joya

Tuesday, February 11
La Joya at Donna
McAllen at Edcouch
Weslaco at Mission

Friday, February 14
Donna at Edcouch
McAllen at Pharr
La Joya at Mission

Tuesday, February 18
Edcouch at Mission
La Joya at Weslaco
Donna at Pharr

RIO GRANDE LEAGUE

December 17
Lyford at Los Fresnos
Santa Rosa at El Jardin
Rio Hondo at Wilson Tract
Stuart Place—Bye

December 19
Lyford at Wilson Tract
Stuart Place at El Jardin
Santa Rosa at Rio Hondo
Los Fresnos—Bye

January 7
Los Fresnos at Wilson Tract
Stuart Place at Rio Hondo
Lyford at Santa Rosa
El Jardin—Bye

January 14
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Lyford at Rio Hondo
Stuart Place at Wilson Tract
Los Fresnos at El Jardin
Santa Rosa—Bye

February 18
Stuart Place at Santa Rosa
Los Fresnos at Rio Hondo
El Jardin at Wilson Tract

Dizzy Buys Land

Arkansas' Hunting Lures Hurler

MORRILTON, Ark.—(AP)—Jerome "Dizzy" Dean, Chicago Cubs hurler, and Mrs. Dean became Arkansas landowners Saturday.

The Deans, who have been residing near Dallas, purchased a 258-acre farm at Bluffton, Yell county, from W. P. Strait, Morrilton attorney. Purchase price of the farm, on which is built a modern farm home, was not announced.

Dean told Strait that he intended to use the home as an off-season residence and hunting lodge. The land, 65 miles southwest of here, adjoins the huge Ouachita National Forest in which herds of deer roam.

Mission Begins Cage Practices

MISSION—Daily practice schedules for the 1940-41 Mission high school basketball team started this week under the direction of Coaches Bob Martin, Clarence Jarvis and Fritz Lehnhoff.

Four lettermen are included on the squad—Harold Ewald, Alfredo Flores, Wade Spilman and Tommy Landry. Others on the squad are Billy Smith, Howard Killinger, Robert Valadez, Sebastian Gonzales, Chico Castillo, Oscar Ramirez, Amador Hinojosa and Audencio Mungia.

Playing in the Rio League with La Joya, McAllen, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Donna, Weslaco and Edcouch-Elsa, the Mission team will play a two-game series with each school, one on the home court and one on the other team's court.

Unless lights are installed, all the home games will be played in the afternoon on the dirt courts located south of the football field. The first game scheduled is set for January 7 at Mission, when the Eagles play the Tri-City Bears.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Corpus Christi 6; Jeff Davis (Houston) 0.

Amarillo 27; El Paso 0.

Paris 6; Masonic Home 6 (Masonic Home won on penetrations)

Pearsall 6; Alice 0 (Region 1 C

Fredericksburg 0; San Marcos 0 (Fredericksburg won on penetration—Region 9 Class A championship)

McAllen Netters Defeat Edinburg

McALLEN — The McAllen high school tennis squad coached by J. Lyle Hill opened the 1940-41 season Friday by defeating the Edinburg school team 3-1 at Edinburg.

Despite chilly weather and early season rustiness the matches were well-played and closely contested.

McAllen's C. H. Britton Jr., won the senior singles match by defeating Bobby Homan of Edinburg 9-7 and 6-0, while Carl Bright of Edinburg defeated Edward Lappart in the junior singles match 6-2, 6-2. McAllen won both doubles matches, with Marlin Chalk and Madison Smith defeating Jack Bright and Buster Baldridge 6-1, 6-3 in the senior round, while Kenny Wiesehan and Madison Smith downed Chester Henson and Jim Hass 6-3, 6-3, in the junior event. No girls' matches were played since the Edinburg squad has not yet started training.

A return match, with the Edinburg team visiting the McAllen high school courts, is to be arranged at an early date. McAllen is also arranging matches with San Benito, Pharr and other Valley high school teams.

Pittsburgh To Have Toughest Training

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — The Pittsburgh Pirates of the National Baseball League announced Saturday night the "longest and toughest" spring training schedule in the club's history.

Playing in five states and 15 cities, the Pirates will run through a 37-game training schedule between March 7 and April 15, when they open the National League's 1941 season.

Exhibition games scheduled, in-

[illegible] 6 at [illegible] at Paso, Tex.; 7, Athletics at Albuquerque, N. M.; 8, Athletics at Clovis, N. M.; 9 and 10, Athletics at Oklahoma City, Okla.

Nelson Has Three Shot Miami Lead

PGA Champ Is Nine Below Par

By LARRY ROLLINS

MIAMI SPRINGS, Fla.—(AP)—Lord Byron Nelson, smooth-stroking PGA champion, took a commanding three-shot lead in the $10,000 Miami Open golf tournament Saturday with a 67, his third consecutive sub-par round, for a 54-hole total of 201.

One by one, most of the other golfers dropped back, while Nelson rhythmically fashioned his three-under-par score, tacking it onto previous rounds of 69 and 65. That made Nelson, National Open Champion last year, nine below par for the distance.

Heafner Has 69

Clayton Heafner of Linville, N. C., who finished his second round early Saturday for a 67, managed to clip another stroke off par with a third round 69. Only a short way behind Nelson starting the third round, Heafner had a 54-hole 204.

Ben Hogan of White Plains, N. Y., dropped back with a par 70 for a 206 total.

Hogan-Snead Even

Hogan, battling to clinch the year's money-winning title and the Vardon Trophy in this final tournament, found himself all-square at the three-quarter mark with his arch-rival, Sam Snead, from Hot Springs, Va.

Snead finished with a 67 that showed seven birdies and four bogeys to close in on Hogan.

Other scores included:

Mike Turnesa, Fairview, N. Y., 139-68—207

Harold McSpaden, Winchester, Mass., 139-69—208

Willie Goggin, Miami, 140-69—209

Ben Loving, Springfield, Mass., 137-72—209

Ky Laffoon, Miami, Okla., 143-70—213

Jimmy Demaret, Houston, 142-72—214.

Golden Gloves To Be Staged In Feb.

FORT WORTH—(AP)—Machinery has been set in operation for the fifth annual Texas Golden Gloves tournaments.

Officials of the Star-Telegram, sponsors of the program, announced Saturday five new district centers had been granted, to Big Spring, Olney, Corsicana, Temple and O'essa.

District tournaments in 20 cities will send champions in eight weight divisions to Fort Worth for the state tournament February 15-16-17-19.

Any boy, over 16 years of age who has never fought for money, is eligible to compete.

The Star-Telegram turns all Golden Gloves profits over to charities.

Other district tournaments will be held at Houston, Amarillo, Lubbock, Dallas, Tyler, Brownwood, Abilene, San Antonio, Follett, Austin, Childress, Wichita Falls, Fort Worth, Stephenville, and Beaumont.

Clarkson Makes Rice All-Opponent Eleven

HOUSTON —(AP)— Four players from Texas A. & M. and Stuart Clarkson, Little All-American center from Texas A. & I., were named on the all-opponent team selected by the Rice Owls.

The backfield consists of Kimbrough and Thomason of A. & M., Gillespie of Texas Christian and Wilson of Baylor. Linemen are Russel, Baylor, and Henderson, A. & M., ends; Bynum Arkansas, and Pannell, A. & M., tackles; Sington, Arkansas, and Sherrod, T. C. U., guards, and Clarkson, center.

Russell and Kimbrough were unanimous choices.

Canadians are looking forward to the exportation of Christmas trees to the United States this year because it will help establish foreign exchange for the purchase of war supplies.

Joe Louis Signs For March Fight

KANSAS CITY—(AP)—Gabe Kaufman, promoter, said Saturday he Tex; 6, Pittsburgh at El Paso; 7, heavyweight boxing championship here sometime in March.

An elimination series to select Louis' challenger will start the first week in January, Kaufman said.

The promoter listed as eligible midwest heavyweights Paul Hartnekn, Kenocha, Wis.; Tony Novak, Kansas City; Carl Vinciquerra, Omaha; Neville Beach, Memphis; Dan Dowling, St. Louis; Bob Skies, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Tony Musto, Chicago.

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Aggie-Fordham Press Agents Play To Draw In Hotel Room

By FELIX R. McKNIGHT

DALLAS—(AP)— Sorry, folks, but the Cotton Bowl game was played Saturday.

And it's just as well that you missed it.

It was a rainy, murky day and the final score must have been Fordham 73, Texas Aggies 73. It may have been more, but it's certain it wasn't a point less, on either side.

Cold rain, forerunner of a predicted snow, drove the players inside. The whole thing went off in a snug hotel room. Two armchair quarterbacks went 60 minutes —at least — and every score came through the air.

For the Fordhams there was a brilliant triple-threater named Tom Deegan, a rather obscure lad over the regular season, who pulled adjective after adjective out of his brief case and hurled them with incredible accuracy. He hit a sports writer with every toss.

Bald, bespectacled Byron Winstead, obviously inspired for the game, carried the Aggie torch and matched Fordham's whirlwind aerial show with a verb barrage that roused one scribe out of an arm chair and dropped him on a bed.

There were no injuries. Winstead just missed a slight case of indigestion by attempting to down a sweet roll and graphically describe Jarrin' Jawn Kimbrough's power drives on the same play. But he got both downs—the sweet roll and Kimbrough's first down.

Publicity men for college football teams never seem to get hurt. And they play the game hard. Just listen to the play-byplay:

Fordham's Deegan: "Our boys are very high on this Texas Aggie game down here in the Cotton Bowl. Why? They want to show the country they can lick the Aggies, rated one of the best teams for the past two years."

The Aggies' Winstead: "Imagine that—lick the Aggies! Why—"

Deegan: "Wait until you see Steve Filipowicz, our sophomore back. Great passer, runner and all-around ball player. Of course, there's Len Eshmont, one of the best running backs in the country, and Jim Blumenstock and Jimmy Noble—"

Winstead: "No doubt they're nice fellows, but our backfield will be solid again with Quarterback Marion Pugh in shape again. We'll try stumbling along with John Kimbrough, Jim Thomason, Bill Conatser and Pugh—"

Downstairs in the Cotton Bowl headquarters a relatively unimportant announcement was made. Ticket reservations had crept near the 40,000 mark— three weeks before the game, the one to be played outdoors. The stadium capacity is 46,000.

'Soup Bowl' Tilt Monday

Postponement Forced By Weather

BROWNSVILLE— Stymied by a downpour Friday night, Brownsville Lions and Kiwanis clubs will play their football classic, the "Soup Bowl" game, Monday at 8 p. m. on Tucker Field here.

Heavy rain forced postponement of the tilt which was billed as a Friday the 13th "lucky number" contest.

Bob Jackson will lead the defending champion Lions Monday night, and Robin Pate will quarterback the Kiwis.

The Lions won the only other grid tilt between the two squads in 1937 on a last minute pass by County Attorney Jack Wiech for a 6-0 decision.

Congressman Milton West will conduct a patriotic rally during halftime Monday night.

Proceeds of the game will be donated to the Brownsville Band Boosters Association band fund. The Brownsville high school band will play a concert during the contest.

13 Cards Letter

Only Three Return For 1941 Play

HARLINGEN — Letters were awarded to 13 members of the Harlingen Cardinals, Valley Class AA champions, Friday night, when the Cards were guests at annual football banquet staged by Pep Squad members.

The letters went to Jack McMahan, Ned Davis, Mike Jurosek, Russell Rose, John Queen, Charles Amidon, Duke Rose, Maurice Waitman, Frank Witherspoon, Billy Joe Livingston, Ray Baker, Jimmy Grant, and John Hubert Weed. Only Amidon, Baker and Grant will return for another season of play.

The lettermen and the rest of the squad all received gold footballs, each bearing the raised letter "H" and raised "Champions." Squadmen receiving these awards were: Carl Lamneck, Robin Burdette, Bill Gilday, George Herren, Earl Pomerenk, Glenn Smith, Darrell Manley, John Milton Morris, Wilbur Altus, Billy Cole, Frank Corso, James Cary, Billy Younkin and Tony Baczewski. Of this group of 14 squadmen, 10 will return, only Burdette, Pomerenk, Cary and Baczewski finishing.

Other awards given Friday night to Billy Joe Livingston, named best blocker by his teammates, and Mike Jurosek, whom his mates said displayed the best attitude. Ned Davis and Duke Rose were named co-captains by the squad in post season election.

Yankees Still Lead In Homerun Hitting

CHICAGO—(AP)—One of the surprises of the 1940 sports season was the failure of the New York Yankees to retain their American League championship, but the power of their bats is reflected in the official circuit averages of league records broken and tied during the last campaign.

The Yanks stretched their total of years in leading in home runs to 21 for a new major league mark and also made it 19 years in which they have made 100 or more homers a season—16 of them consecutive.

Amarillo Is 27-0 Winner Over El Paso

Score 21 Points In First Quarter

AMARILLO—(AP)—Playing on a field thinly coated with snow, the Golden Sandstorm of Amarillo mixed passing with a crushing running attack to defeat the El Paso High Tigers 27-0 here Saturday in the state schoolboy football quarterfinals.

17-Degree Weather

Only 1,200 fans braved 17-degree weather to see the Sandies march through the Tiger defense and successfully defend their icy goal line against a constantly threatening passing attack.

Harold Harlow, reserve fullback, raced 19 yards around left end for the first touchdown in the opening period. Baker added the extra point.

Recovering a kickoff fumbled on the El Paso 35, the Sandies quickly scored six more points when Scud Redu, end, took a pass from Harlow on the 16 and raced over. Baker again kicked the point.

21 Points In First Period

A 48-yard drive paid off again just before the first quarter ended when Harlow passed to Dub Wooten for 23 yards. Baker made his third conversion.

In the fourth period M. T. Johnson, in the game for the first time, went 21 yards for the final touchdown. Baker missed the point.

Starting lineups:

El Paso	Pos.	Amarillo
Allen	LE	Redus
Wadlington	LT	Priola
Marmalejo	LG	Page
M. Palafox	C	Burden
Abraham	RG	Collins
Calderson	RT	Wall
Cherno	RE	Wooten
Squires	QB	Martin
Frazier	LH	Harlow
Minas	RH	Baker
Browne	FB	Clark

Amarillo scoring: Touchdowns, Harlow, Redus, Wooten, Johnson; points from try after touchdown, Baker 3 (placements).

McAllen Grid Teams Honored Wednesday

McALLEN—The Bulldog Boosters Club will stage a banquet for the McAllen junior and senior high school football teams Wednesday night, December 18, instead of December 19 as originally announced, T. W. Kelly of the Boosters said Saturday.

The dinner will be held at the junior high school cafeteria.

The football players and their coaches will be guests of grid fans, who will pay $1 each for two plates, one for himself and the other for a player.

Not a single case of active tuberculosis was discovered this year by physicians who examined 4,000 new students at the University of Michigan. On the basis of past records they had expected to find about 15.

Sites Selected

School Semi - Final Grid Games Set

By The Associated Press

Both semi-final games of the Texas schoolboy football race will be played on Saturday and at opposite ends of the state.

Masonic Home will meet Amarillo at Amarillo and Temple plays Corpus Christi at Corpus Christi.

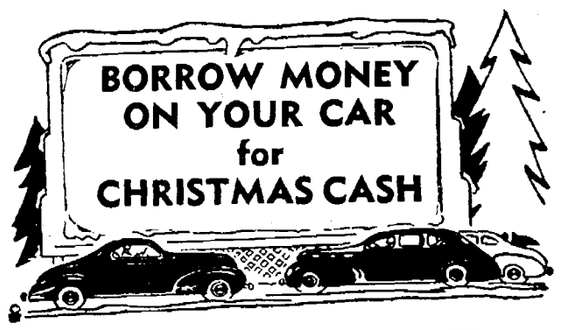
The Mason-Amarillo site was determined by flip of a coin as the two teams had not met in the last six years.

Temple had to go to Corpus Christi because the teams last played at Temple (1938), and the contest was in less than six years.

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Corpus Christi Beats Houston Team 6-0 To Enter Semi-Finals

Bucs First To Score On Jeff Davis

Face Temple At Port City Saturday

By WILLIAM T. RIVES

HOUSTON —(AP)— The only team to score a touchdown against Jeff Davis High this season bounced the Panthers right out of the schoolboy football race here Saturday.

Corpus Christi's potent ground game brought it a 6-0 victory over Jeff Davis in the state quarter finals, giving the Buccaneers the right to meet Temple in the semifinals at Corpus Christi next week. Corpus and Temple will meet at Corpus Christi Saturday.

Bucs Superior

The margin of the Buccanners was slim but their superiority was great. They rolled up 106 yeards on the ground while Jeff Davis struggled for 30.

The touchdown came in the second period at the end of a 66-yard drive, which began late in the opening quarter.

Jack Creager and Joe Clark, sledge hammer backs, plowed all the way, except for one 23 yard pass from Creager to another back, Drexel White.

Creager Scores

The touchdown was scored from the four yard line on first down, with Creager breezing around left end behind perfect blocking. Ed Kelley, Davis great left end, blocked tackle Joe Mitchell's try for point.

Fumbles proved costly to Davis, Corpus recovering three.

Twice the bobbles came down around the 25 yard line, which was as close as Davis got to Corpus Christi's goal line.

Starting lineup:

Jeff Davis	Pos.	Corpus Christi
Kelley	LE	Bacak
Wyman	LT	Haman
Perry	LG	Brown
Rasmussen	C	Kavoras
Hill	RG	Isenberger
Key	RT	Mitchell
Lobenstein	RE	Sturdivant
Bloxom	QB	Clark
Lobue	LH	Creager
Black	RH	Fowler
Levey	FB	Dowdy

Scoring: Corpus Christi—touchdown, Creager.

Five Lettermen For PSJA Cagers

PHARR — With five lettermen back from last year's cage team, Coach Brick Decker opened basketball practice this week with daily workouts on the outdoor portable hardwood court.

Lettermen back are Eddie Wright, Kenneth Risinger, Billy York, Wallace Bell and Muriel Coley. Bell is recuperating from an appendectomy while Coley is recovering from a broken leg sustained in the football season and neither will be able to work out for two or more weeks.

The Bears are in the Rio League and are bracketed with Mission, La Joya, McAllen, Donna, Weslaco and Edcouch-Elsa. They will play 12 games or a double round robin and the three top teams of the league will go to the district for the play offs.

Others out for the team are: Donnie Earl Clark, Harvey Risinger, Max Burkhart, Paul Pritchard, Mickey Allen, Joe Tanner, Alfred Sorensen, John Roy Rieboldt, Don Slate, Clinton Scott, Paul Addison Flowers and Russell Dunning.

Louisiana Normal Beats Sooner Team

NATCHITOCHES, La.—(AP)— The Louisiana Normal College Demons defeated Southeastern State of Durant, Okla., 25-21 Saturday night to even their two-game basketball series. The Oklahomans won Friday night 40-28.

Southeastern held a 15-12 lead at the half. Frizzell of Southeastern was high scorer with 10 points.

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Penn. State 35; Colgate 21
Kansas State 54; Doane College 27
Minnesota 32; Idaho 26
Marquette 20; Nebraska 5
Wisconsin 44; Notre Dame 43
Southern Louisiana Institute 36; Springfield Teachers 33
Arkansas Tech 31; Sapulpa (Okla) Junior College 28
Arkansas 46; Drury College (Springfield, Mo) 20
Cornell 57; Lafayette 21
Butler 31; Ohio State 49
Case 50; Carnegie Tech 46
Michigan 36; Michigan Normal 16
Long Island U. 43; Oregon 31
Chicago 27; Illinois Tech 22
St. Olaf 35; South Dakota State 33
Pittsburg (Kan) Teachers 34; Tulsa 39
Okla. Northwestern Okla. State 47; Panhandle (Goodwell, Okla) Aggies 33
East Texas State Teachers 40; Dallas Railway 37
Texas 52; Southwest Texas Teacher 36
SMU 52; North Texas Teachers 50
Oklahoma A. and M. 32; City College (NY) 24
Dartmouth 44; Fordham 40
Yale 74; Trinity 40
Iowa State 31; Bradley 28
Warrenburg, Mo. Teachers 45; Wichita U. 38
U. of Missouri 34; St. Louis U. 31
New Mexico Mines 34; New Mexico Aggies 29
Arizona State Teachers College at Flagstaff 27; Arizona State Teachers College at Tempe 29
West Texas 52; Morningside 41
New Mexico State 28; San Diego State 39
Washburn 35; Emporia State 24

Canada's death rate is lower than the United States'.

Christman Wants $10,000



And who doesn't? Paul Christman, University of Missouri passing star, says he's more interested in Miss Inez Potter, his fiancee, with whom he is shown looking over house plans, than he is in playing pro football. It'll take $10,000 says Paul, to get him to play with the Chicago Cardinals, who drafted him.

New York's Yankees Chosen Year's Top Disappointment

NEW YORK —(AP)— The tumble of the mighty Yankees into their place in the American League race after they had been made odds on favorites in the winter book has been voted the outstanding disappointment of 1940, by the nation's sports editors.

Of 72 writers who participated in the Associated Press poll, 40 put the finger on the world champions who flopped from the start and only by a sensational late season drive escaped from the second division.

Runner-up for this dubious distinction was the Notre Dame football team, which started the past season with a marvelous display of fireworks and then sputtered out.

The Yankees, with their 40 first place votes and a smattering of seconds and thirds, polled a total of 125 points. Notre Dame, chosen the champion flop by eight editors, had 36 points, only one more than was given the Ohio State Buckeyes, who were regarded as Big Nine championship timber when the football season opened and before losing their shirts.

The Cleveland Indians grabbed fourth honors, partly because they let a handsome lead over the American League slip away from them in the closing weeks and partly because the electorate thought they were disappointing personally in their spat with Manager Oscar Vitt.

The Cornell gridders came next with 12 points, while Johnny Paychek, the Des Moines heavyweight, scored 11 points for getting knocked out by Joe Louis in the second round.

Cotton Bowl Setup Okeh

Conference Dads To Leave It Alone

DALLAS—(AP)—Faculty representatives of the Southwest Conference Saturday passed over formal discussions on the Cotton Bowl classic with a statement "the setup will continue as established."

President Henry Trantham of Baylor University said faculty committee members were pleased with the present operation. No action was taken on the subject of pledging the conference champion to the game.

Two of the seven members, Texas and Texas A. and M., were opposed to the move the past season.

Dr. Trantham said the matter of certifying freshmen athletics for varsity competition in the event a national emergency caught many college boys in the army draft, was not formally discussed. He said the matter would be taken up if, and when, conditions warranted action, but minimized such a possibility.

Golf, tennis and track meets will be held at Austin next spring on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the second week in May. The cross country meet was awarded to Southern Methodist and fencing to Baylor.

James H. Stewart of Southern Methodist was elected president of the Southwest Conference Coaches Business Managers and Athletic Director's Association, replacing Gaylor Johnson, retiring Rice business manager.

Texas Conference Sets Rigid Rules

DALLAS—(AP)—Rigid rules concerning eligibility of Texas Conference athletes were promulgated by conference representatives here Saturday.

Dr. J. C. Goddey, secretary, said teams would be restricted to a 30-man limit and that any school failing to meet all eligibility requirements would forfeit games in which violations were detected.

Names of all eligible players must be submitted before Sept. 25 to the secretary on eligibility blanks. Any players not reported by then will be ineligible for play during the season.

Dr. Goddey said it was generally agreed expenses of the league had to be pared, although there was no talk of abandonment of any program.

Conference track and field, golf and tennis dates were set for the second week in May, at Brownwood.

Tennis Entries Deadline Dec. 21

AUSTIN—(AP)—Entries for the boys and juniors indoor United States singles and doubles championship tennis tournament must be filed by Dec. 21, D. A. Penick, president of the Texas Tennis Association, announced Saturday.

Dr. Penick, University of Texas tennis coach, said registration numbers and entry fees of $2 for singles and $3 per team for doubles should be addressed to H. Charles Rawlins, 216 Fuller Building, 10 South 18th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Doubles entries have until Dec. 27 to file.

The association president added the tournament, to be held in Camden, N. J., will start Dec. 26 and will be open to boys not yet 15 years old and juniors not yet 18 on last Jan. 1.

Of college graduates in the United States, 58 per cent of the men and 61 per cent of the women never have been out of jobs.

Ponies To Play Fordham In 1941

DALLAS—(AP)—Southern Methodist University's 1941 football schedule was completed Saturday with the Arkansas game set for Fayetteville.

The schedule includes a gome with the Fordham University Rams, who play the Texas Aggies in the Cotton Bowl game here New Year's Day. SMU and Fordham are even in their series, each with a victoory.

The schedule:

Sept. 27—North Texas State at Dallas.
Oct. 4—Fordham in New York City.
Oct. 11—College of the Pacific at Tyler.
Oct. 18—Alabama Poly (Auburn) at Birmingham, Ala.
Nov. 1—University of Texas at Dallas.
Nov. 8—Texas A. and M. at College Station.
Nov. 15—University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Ark.
Nov. 22—Baylor University at Dallas.
Nov. 29—Texas Christian University at Fort Worth.
Dec. 6—Rice Institute at Dallas.

14 Eagles Will Receive Letters

MISSION—Fourteen members of the district champions Mission Eagles football team will receive sweaters and letters while the remaining 10 squad men will receive awards.

Four of the lettermen are seniors, including Donald Bentsen, J. T. Garrie, Louis Moore, and Cuco Garza. Others are Darroll Martin, Jimmy Mehis, Donald Albrecht, Carroll Martin, Lupe Motes, Tommy Landry, A. B. Ward, Arnaldo Vera, Chico Castillo, and Audencio Munguia.

Awards will be presented to Sam Hileman, O. V. Bridges, Jr., Ovideo Guzman, Chano Guerra, Manuel Guerra, Oscar Saenz, Oscar Ramirez, Zelmo Hinojosa, George Rigler, Inez Pinon, and Roy Baker.

Sweaters and awards have been ordered and will be presented in a high school assembly as soon as the shipment arrives.

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Six Members Of Texas A.&I. Squad On Little All-America

KINGSVILLE—When the Associated Press completed selection of the Little All-American football players for 1940, Texas A. & I. College was just short of a complete lineup of all-Americans. No less than six (count 'em s-i-x) Javelinas, members of the squad which sports writers at first called "most ambitious team in America," then "America's toughest little college eleven" were mentioned in the AP list released this week.

Big Stuart Clarkson, probably the Southwest's most spectacular lineman in all classifications, was named first string center, of course. Clarkson had stolen practically every show he had been in all season, even shoving "Jarrin' Jawn" Kimbrough over for a share of the spotlight, and being named by the Texas Aggies as first string center on their all-oponents eleven. He had drawn praise from San Jose's Coach Pop Warner, A. & M.'s Homer Norton, and Rice's Jess Neely.

Both of A. & I.'s great ends, Russell Jensen, Austin, and Warren Arnold, Liberty, received mention. Jensen was all-Texas Conference end last year on the St. Edwards squad, and Arnold was all-Alamo Conference with the 1939 Javelinas.

Morris Reese, Yoakum, another all-Alamo Conference player at guard, was mentioned on the AP selections.

Francis "Sacks" Mattingly, Beeville's Javelina piledriver, was included in the runners-up for fullback, while J. P. Hilliard, scat back from Orange, was among the backfield list. Mattingly was almost unanimous choice for all conference last year.

All of these men except Arnold are juniors at A. & I. and will have one more year of eligibility with the Javelinas.

Penetration Win Goes To Masonic 11

Play 6-6 Draw With Paris Wildcats

FORT WORTH —(AP)— Masonic Home's little rascals came from behind to tie the score 6-6 and win on penetrations over Paris in the quarter-finals of the Texas schoolboy football race here Saturday.

Paris counted a touchdown in the second period with Buryl Baty dashing 22 yards through the Masonic Home line but Dewitt Coulter blocked his try for extra point—and that meant the ball game.

Penalty Helps

Because in the fourth period, with the Masons leading on penetrations and first downs, a ruling of interference on a pass play gave Masonic Home the ball on the Paris 3-yard line from where Gordy Brown plunged over.

It was the fourth time since the school entered Class AA football in 1932 that Masonic Home reached the semi-final round.

Sunset Similar Victim

The Home footballers advanced to the quarterfinals last week by the penetrations route after playing a 7-7 tie with Dallas Sunset.

Saturday the Masons led the Wildcats in penetrations 4-1. Four times the Home's bristling attack carried inside the Wildcats' five yard line. Three times the Masons were stopped on the Paris one-foot line. And the Home, though it deserved the victory, needed a break of sorts in the form of the pass interference penalty to score.

The starting lineups:

Paris	Pos.	Masons
B. White	LE	R. Coulter
Inzer	LT	Lewis
Wooldridge	LG	Moseley
Abbett	C	Robbins
J. White	RG	Cagle
Jack	RT	D. Coulter
Jordan	RE	Roach
May	QB	Scaley
Henderson	LH	Smith
Baty	RH	Roberts
Sheffield	FB	Brown

Paris Scoring: Touchdown, Baty. Masonic Home scoring: Touchdown, Brown.

Okla. Aggies Win

Beat C. C. N. Y. Five In Garden Tilt

NEW YORK — (AP) — Invading schools broke even in the opening of Madison Square Garden's college basketball season Saturday night when the Oklahoma Aggies whipped a highly touted City College five 32 to 24 after Long Island University had turned back Oregon 43 to 31.

A crowd of 18,325, seven more than the Garden's previous high, saw the Aggies build up a 11 point lead in the first half and then surge back in the last seven minutes after City had driven within five points.

Lanky Vern Schwertfeger paced the Aggies with nine points.

Tempe Practices For Bowl Contest

TEMPE, Ariz.—(AP)—The Bulldogs of Arizona State Teachers College at Tempe donned shorts and tossed footballs around for a couple of hours Saturday to keep in condition for their New Year's Day contest with Western Reserve of Cleveland in the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Texas.

Coach Dixie Howell scheduled strenuous practice drills for next week.

Olin Mason, giant Tempe tackle who has been sidelined with a fractured ankle, returned to practice Saturday. Halfback Haschall Henshaw remained at home with a touch of influenza.

Flu Causes Indians To Delay Practices

PALO ALTO, Calif.—(AP)—Advised that 15 to 20 of his players were still suffering from after-effects of the "flu," Coach Clark Shaughnessy postponed the start of Stanford's Rose Bowl football practice until Monday.

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Santone Man Wants Rainbow Trout

AUSTIN —(AP)— Refrigerating a portion of a Texas river to bring Rainbow trout fishing to this state may be a fisherman's dream—but not to Richard H. Friedrich of San Antonio.

Friedrich, the state game department says, enjoys sport fishing like that in Colorado and would like to do it right in his own back yard, so to speak.

Refrigeration is his line and has been his life work. Rainbow trout and Brown trout can't live in water which reaches a temperature higher than 68 degrees.

So, Friedrich is toying with the idea of putting part of a running mountain stream in the Bear Creek ranch near Kerrville in a sort of an ice box, raising a school or two of trout and inviting his friends to real sport.

To that extent, the game department says, Friedrich has imported 6,000 Rainbow trout and 1,000 Lochleven or Brown trout from Colorado, a portion of which he has given the state for its Ingram hatchery.

The rest he has dumped into a dammed-off section of a stream on the ranch.

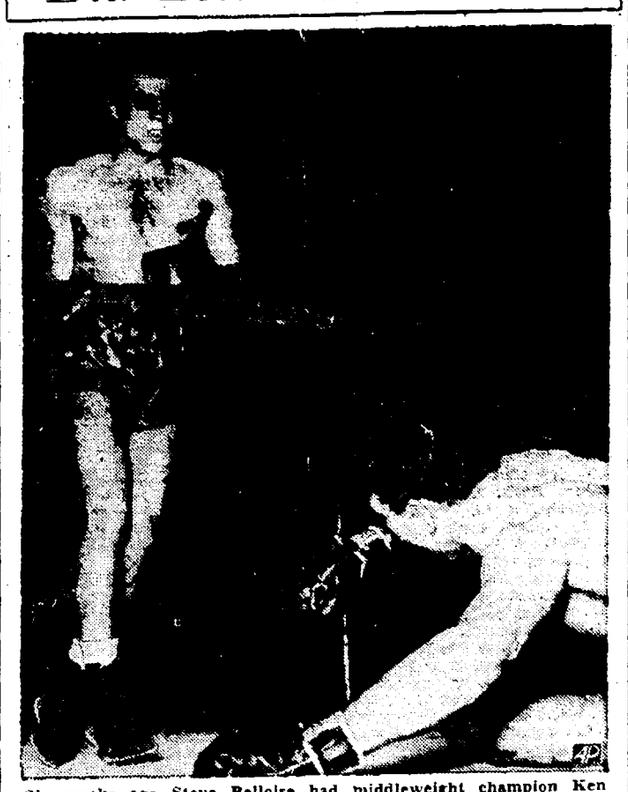
He has informed the game department that if the trout don't live through next summer, he's going to use artificial refrigeration to bring down the stream's temperature.

Tempe Teachers Win Game From Flagstaff

TEMPE, Ariz.—(AP)—A long shot in the last 20 seconds of play by Nick Johnson gave Arizona State Teachers College at Tempe a 29-27 victory over Arizona State Teachers College at Flagstaff here Saturday night.

Tempe swept the two-game Border Conference series. The score Friday night was 35-24.

Did Better First Time



Six weeks ago Steve Belloise had middleweight champion Ken Overlin on the floor in their title bout (above). But he let the experienced Overlin get away. Friday night they met again, but this time there were no knockdowns for Overlin as he gave Belloise a boxing lesson in a bout where the decision was never in doubt.

Herman Rohrig Is Nebraska Back Who Delivers In Pinch

LINCOLN, Neb.—(AP)—They dubbed Herman Rohrig the "Rubber Man" of the Nebraska football team and like a rubber ball he's been bouncing up in the pinches for three years.

He's the little man of the Husker backfield squad, carrying 180 pounds on a five foot, nine inch frame. Like a lot of others on the squad he doesn't talk much—not even about the coming Nebraska-Stanford Rose Bowl game.

Herman started playing football in grade school and skipped away on a long touchdown run the first time he ever got his hands on the ball.

After gaining all-state fame at Lincoln high school, he entered the university in 1938 and started building a reputation as a runner. That year his sturdy legs churned up the field for a 90-yard touchdown run with a Missouri kickoff.

Last year he really went to town. He ran 80 yards with a Kansas State punt to wipe out a 3 to 0 lead that team had gained over Nebraska, and in other games played hob in general with opponents through long jaunts that meant victories for Nebraska.

The reputation he gained was such that this year Nebraska opponents kicked out of bounds whenever Herman was in the game.

Then he started passing more, winding up the season with a better than .500 average—including a three-act one man show against Missouri when, handicapped by a shoulder injury, he passed twice to get a touchdown then kicked the extra point.

He blazed again in his last home game. There were but seconds to play in the first half of the Kansas State game and the score was 0 to 0 when Harry Hopp, who shares time with Rohrig, was hurt. Rushed, Rohrig faded to pass, couldn't find a receiver and ran 25 yards for the touchdown that broke down the visitors and placed Nebraska up in front for the Rose Bowl bid.

"That one," said Rohrig, "was just for Hopp."

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Bomber Faces Al M'Coy In Monday Bout

Champ Expected To Win Easily

BOSTON—(AP)—Boston and New England fistic fans are all steamed up about Monday's heavyweight title bout at Boston Garden between Champion Joe Louis and Challenger Al McCoy, but the concensus from the man in the street is that he'll have to get there early.

McCoy Confident

About the only ones who don't figure the Brown Bomber to pack his opponent away in one of the early rounds are McCoy himself and his manager, Bill Brennan, who thinks so much of his charge's chances against the champion that he has money bet on the challenger to win.

Louis wound up his boxing drills Saturday while McCoy toped his preparation with a little road work and some drilling in the gym. Both plan to take things easy Sunday and meet for the first time Monday at the weighing-in ceremonies.

Bomber Ready

The champion had no comment on Monday's bout except the brief statement:

"I'm ready."

McCoy promises to be throwing punches right from the start.

"I never felt better than I do for this one," McCoy said Saturday night. "I've got a hunch I can beat this boy and I'll be in there pitching all the way. You won't see me running any foot-race."

Denver University Defeats Hawaii U.

HONOLULU—(AP)—Denver University's football team spotted University of Hawaii to a ten-point lead in the first half and then surged ahead with a two-touchdown drive in the second half to win 19 to 16. The Hawaiians failed to score in the second half.

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Interpreting The War News

British Morale Soars

Axis Air Power Has Failed, But Expert Is Puzzled Over Reasons; Oil Scarce?

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON

Tremendous stimulation of British public morale has resulted from Greek and British victories over Italian forces in the east.

There are other factors, however, than the smashing blows struck at Italy to account for British confidence in the ultimate outcome of the war. The full fury of Hitler's boasted air power has been tested and proved ineffective to end the war quickly in a British defeat.

Prime Minister Churchill told his people six months ago, when France fell, that the crux of the war lay in Britain's power to "break Hitler's air weapon." It has not been broken; but its edge has been dulled. It has failed to crack British morale, failed to open the way for Nazi invasion of England; failed as yet to bring a real starvation specter before English eyes in the war at sea.

English skies still are dominated in daylight by Britain's fighter pilots. Only at night do the heavy blows fall which Hitler said would lay England in ruins. Within six months the German attack has been deflected from England's weakest flank, the air, to her strongest, the sea. Nazi air-submarine-surface craft assaults on England's sea life lines now holds the greatest menace to Britain.

British hopes of attaining victory years sooner than her leaders had reckoned possible six months ago are clearly indicated. The late Lord Lothian, ambassador to Washington, in his last message urging expedited American help, foresaw possibilities of smashing Germany next year or in 1942. He did not live to learn the full score of Italian disasters on two war fronts.

Double Mystery Here

There is a double mystery in this war. It involves both German and Italian air power, the prime element on which the Axis mates relied in challenging British sea power.

Italy's boasted air force signally failed her in Greece, Albania and Egypt. Just why is known only in Italy. If London knew, it might have the final answer to the war's outcome.

Germany has not only failed to crush England through the air, but also to reach the crescendo of air attack her air superiority seemed to make possible. Just why Nazi bombers have not come over England in thousands night after night instead of hundreds and why there are lapses between mass attacks is known only in Germany.

Weeks ago, Churchill told Parliament that approximately 500 planes within a 24-hour period had been the maximum German attack but might be only a fraction of what would be attained. It has not since been exceeded, even by Berlin war accounting.

Those Queer Lulls

London recently knew two full days and nights of bombing surcease in the wake of a great mass night attack. Other English cities had like experiences. They have come to expect a day or so of breathing spell after each air blow.

There is obviously some supply or transportation bottle-neck limiting full employment of both Italian and German air power. It may be gasoline, or merely the difficulties of organization and supply transportation. The German air attack on England is based along 2,000 miles of the German-held continental coastal area of Europe.

A 500-plane daily attack burns up a huge quantity of fuel. If Germany is raiding her war reserve stocks now to supply it and lack of fuel has grounded Italian planes much needed in Albania and Egypt, Britain's victory hopes are justified. If it is not lack of fuel hampering Axis air power at both ends, what is it?

WALLY QUITS HER HOSPITAL

Recovers From Her Tooth Operation



DUCHESS OF WINDSOR

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—Nearing complete recovery from her operation for removal of an infected tooth, the Duchess of Windsor and her royal husband went to a hotel tower apartment in Coral Gables Saturday for a few days' rest before returning to Nassau.

They motored from St. Francis Hospital at Miami Beach, making a two-hour sight-seeing jaunt out of the drive.

The duchess, after four days abed, appeared strong.

Before leaving the hospital, they presented autographs to members of the staff.

Windsor posed for cameramen who missed his return Friday from a flying visit to President Roosevelt aboard the cruiser Tuscaloosa He thanked the photographers for having respected his privacy.

LONE RAIDER BOMBS ISLES

Midlands Town Hit By Explosives

LONDON (Sunday)—(AP)—Several persons in a west Midlands town were killed by high explosive bombs and others were taken to a hospital after a raid by a single German plane early Saturday night, it was reported Sunday.

Rescue workers still toiled Sunday morning to free others trapped in wreckage in the town. Censorship concealed the name of the town.

The raid was one of the few German attacks on the British Isles Saturday and Saturday night.

A southwesterly gale lashing Dover Strait was believed responsible for the lack of German activity.

A number of hoouses were destroyed by a solitary plane in a working class area in a Thames estuary town but it was believed no fatalities resulted.

London had its usual night air raid alarm in the early evening but the "all clear" was sounded about an hour later.

During the day, Nazi planes were reported over Liverpool and Northeast England.

Official Can't Get His Street Repaved

NEW BRIGHTON, Pa.—(AP)—Being a councilman hasn't helped Frank Harding get repairs for a street adjoining his property. He warned the council that unless action was forthcoming he'd move his home and business out of the borough.

ELEANOR FINDS ST. NICK SAYS SHE GOOD GIRL

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt found out Saturday night that Santa Claus thinks she has been a good girl this year.

To the amusement of several hundred guests at the White House "Gridiron Widows" party, Santy handed the first lady a halo, a pair of wings and a roll of paper on which to list requests she gets for gifts.

It was the first holiday festivity at the executive mansion—and it was a "hen" party.

As has been her custom, Mrs. Roosevelt was hostess to wives of Washington correspondents who are members of the Gridiron Club —the men were having their semi-annual "stag" stunt party at a nearby hotel—wives of cabinet members, other feminine celebrities and the Washington "ladies of the press."

Formosa, in proportion to its size, **is the richest of Japan's colonies.**

BULLET PLANT CONTRACT LET

To Make Ammunition For Small Arms

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The War Department awarded contracts totalling $105,887,790 Saturday for small arms ammunition and for a new plant at St. Louis to produce the ammunition.

Officials said the awards represented the largest single ordinance manufacturing project of the current rearmament program.

The plant will be built on a 134-acre site and employ from 10,000 to 12,000 persons when it starts production, nearly a year hence.

The Western Cartridge Company, East Alton, Ill., was given a $18,600,000 contract to supervise the layout, engineering and construction of the plant and to procure equipment and supervise its installation.

The United States Cartridge Company, Baltimore, Md., received an $87,279,790 award for an initial order of ammunition.

Changing Coaches

Colorado U. Is After Mentor Again

BOULDER, Colo.—(AP)—For the second time in less than one year, Colorado University is in the market for a new football coach.

Only last March bald-headed Bernard (Bunny) Oakes stepped down with a $6,500 cash settlement after most of his players signed a petition for his dismissal, and Frank Potts, Colorado track coach, was given the football job a month later under a one year contract.

Potts has notified University heads that he "prefers" to resume his former status as track mentor and assistant in football although President Robert L. Stearns emphasized the ex-Oklahoma halfback and pole vaulter could have retained the grid post.

Potts will continue to head the football staff until a successor is named, probably by April 1 in time to take hold of spring practice. Harry Carlson, director of athletics, was requested to "investigate qualifications of men available for the head football coaching position." No candidates were mentioned.

Colorado had on hand this season virtually all of the players who captured the 1939 Big Seven Conference title, but won only five and tied one of its nine games. The Buffaloes tied with Denver for second place in the conference.

Alamo Loop Cage Schedule Is Set

DALLAS — (AP) — The basketball schedule of the Alamo Conference, adopted at the winter meeting of the intercollegiate athletic group here Saturday, will open on February 3 and end on February 25.

The schedule:

Feb. 3-4—St. Mary's University vs. West Texas State Coollege at San Antonio.

Feb. 6-7—Texas College of Arts and Industries vs. West Texas State at Kingsville.

Feb. 14-15—St. Mary's vs. Texas A. and I. at Kingsville.

Feb. 17-18—St. Mary's vs. Texas A. and I. at San Antonio.

Feb. 21-22—Texas A. and I. vs. West Texas State at Canyon.

Feb. 24-25—St. Mary's vs. West Texas State at Canyon.

Mutual To Broadcast Cotton Bowl Classic

DALLAS—(AP)—The Cotton Bowl football classic, scheduled for New Year's Day between Texas A. & M. and Fordham, will be heard on the coast to coast network of the Mutual Broadcasting System, Dan D. Rogers, president of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association said.

White Sox And Cubs In Exhibition Tilts

CHICAGO —(AP)— The Chicago Cubs and White Sox announced their spring exhibition baseball schedules Saturday including April 7—Cubs vs. White Sox at El Paso; 8—Cubs vs. White Sox at Lubbock, Tex.; 9—Cubs vs. White Sox at Amarillo, Tex.

SAN JUAN GUESTS

SAN JUAN—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McNaille of Sarcoxie, Missouri, were guests Tuesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Everhard.

Fire Guts Hoboken Condenser Factory

HOBOKEN, N. J. —(AP)—Fire of undetermined origin Saturday wrecked the plant of the Condenser Service and Engineering Corporation plant, which has received U. S. army contracts for about $20,000 in condensers and steel mooring buoys.

A night watchman, George Henry Jacobs, was burned to death.

Nebraska Huskers Practice In Snow

LINCOLN, Neb.—(AP)—Coach Major Lawrence M. Jones got tired Saturday waiting for the weather to clear and trotted his Nebraska football squad, opponents of Stanford in the Rose Bowl, out into a light snowfall for a workout.

Legion Forms Anti-Espionage Body To Work With FBI, Protect Industry

NEW YORK— (AP) —An army of American Legionnaires, acting as anti-espionage agents in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of investigation to protect America's vital defense industries and utilities, is rapidly being formed, State Commander Edward A. Vosseler disclosed Saturday.

3 Months Old

Organization was started three months ago in New York state, Vosseler said, and already has resulted in discovery of several plots and the subsequent blocking of them.

Eventually the corps, throughout the country, may include 50,000 factories, shipyards, munitions industries, power, water and communications, utilities and railroads.

More than 2,000 legion men already are functioning in the set-up in New York state. This number will ultimately grow to some 10,000 men, from 917 posts, Vosseler said.

He added that while the plan was designed primary to prevent sabotage, it also would aid the FBI investigators after commission of such acts.

Most of the men are those of German, Italian or Russian extraction who served in American military forces during the World War.

Work Is Secret

No legionnaire knows the identity of a fellow legion member engaged in espionage work.

In line with the program, Vosseler said each American Legion post was acting as a clearing house for the FBI on information from individuals regarding sabotage.

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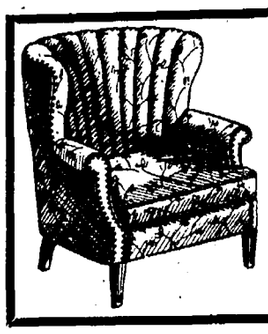


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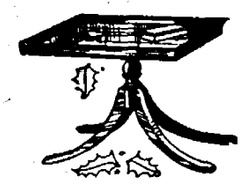


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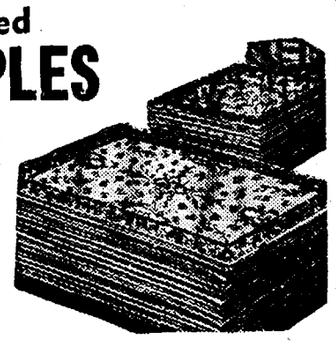
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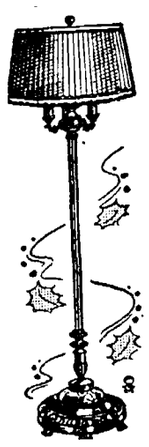
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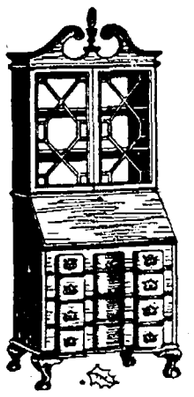
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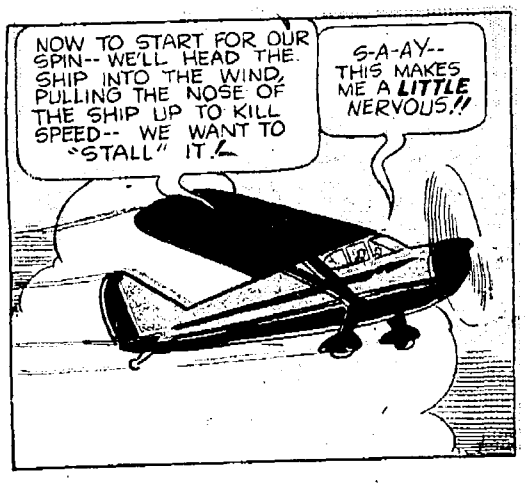
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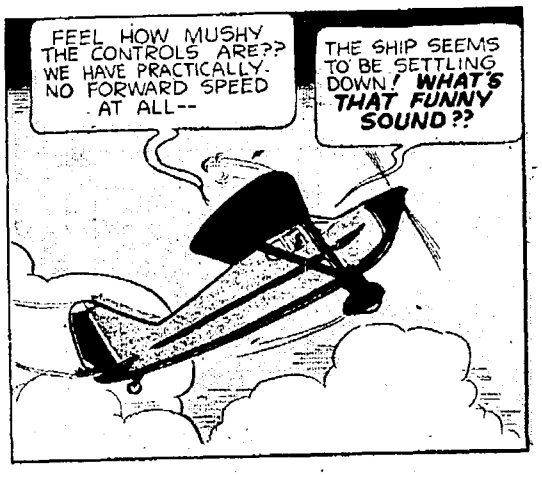


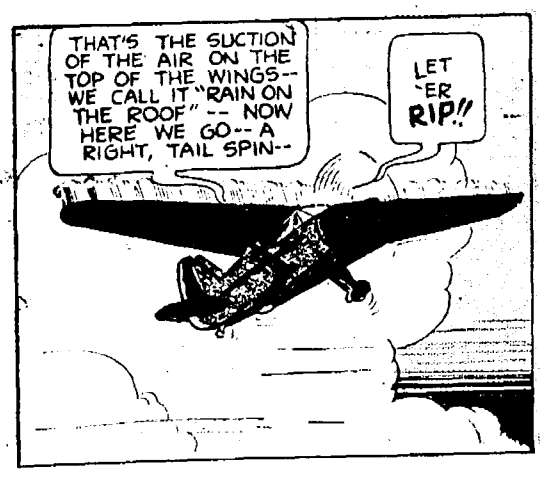


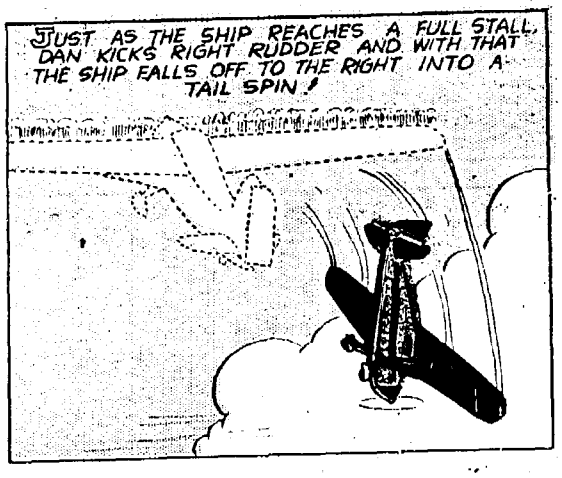


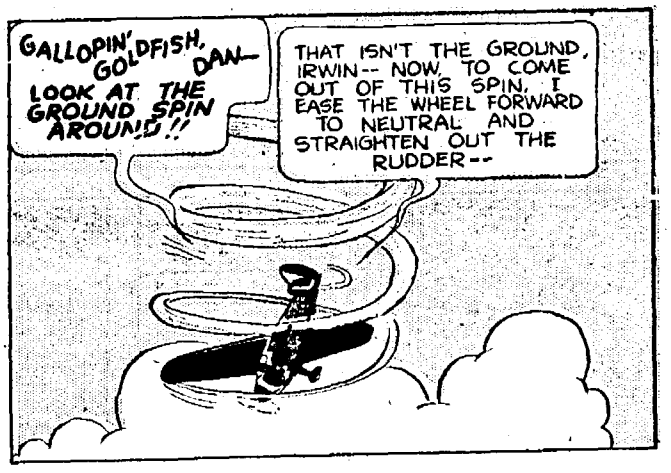


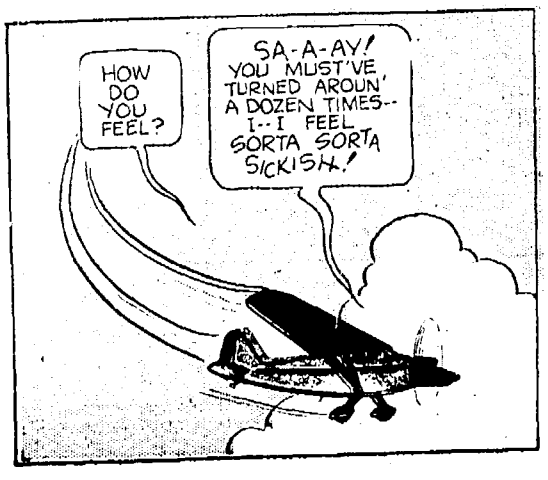














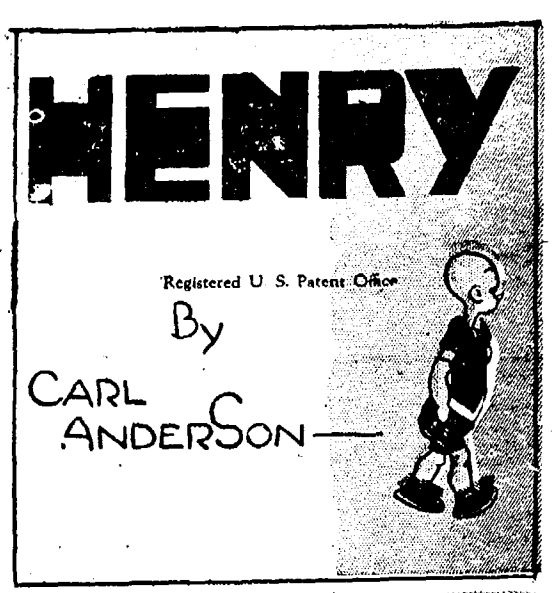


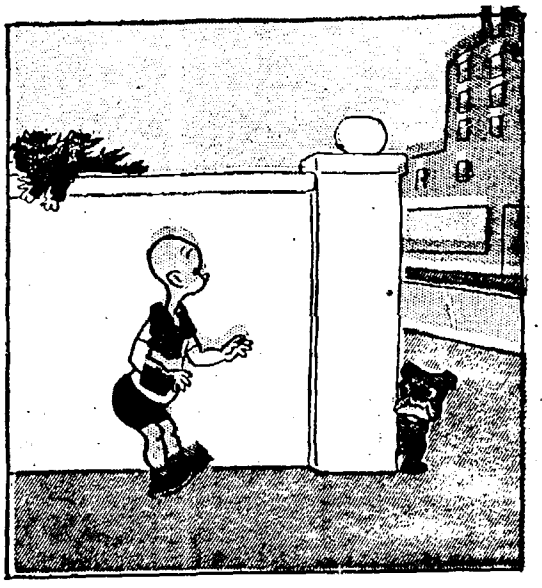
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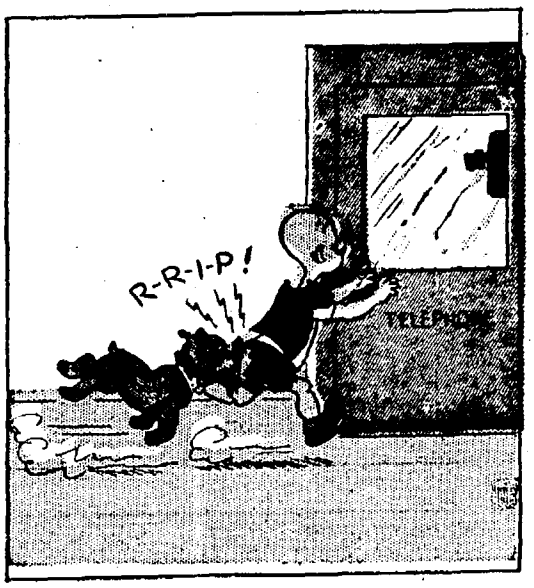
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DANGED IF I CAN FIGGER HOW I EVER GOT BACK HERE IN EGYPT!
BUT I SUPPOSE IF I DON'T WANT TO STARVE, I'D BETTER HEAD FOR CLEOPATRA'S PALACE
HAVING FORGOTTEN THE WORDS OF THE MAGIC BELT'S FORMER OWNER, ALLEY OOP IS HAVING HIMSELF QUITE A TIME IN ANCIENT EGYPT
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2
AN' HERE I AM AT TH' NILE AGAIN... Hmm. WITH ALL THIS TIN I GOT HANGIN' ON ME, IT AIN'T GONNA BE ANY CINCH TO SWIM IT!

3
GOSH, LOOKIT THAT FELLER SKIMMIN' ACROSS! ZIP-- JUS' LIKE THAT! I **WISH** I COULD FLY LIKE A BIRD

4
WELL, FER...!

5
MY GOSH, NOW I **AM** UP IN THE AIR!

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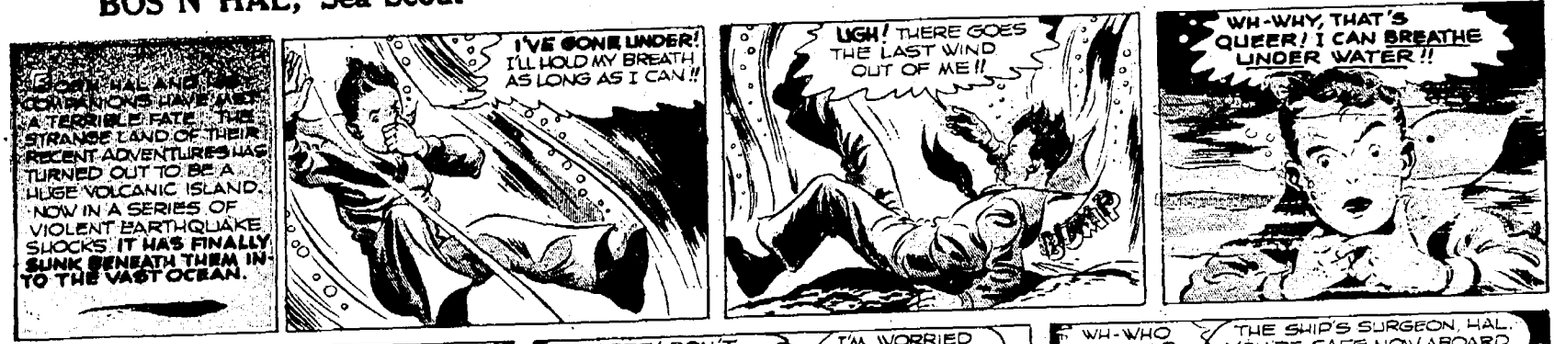
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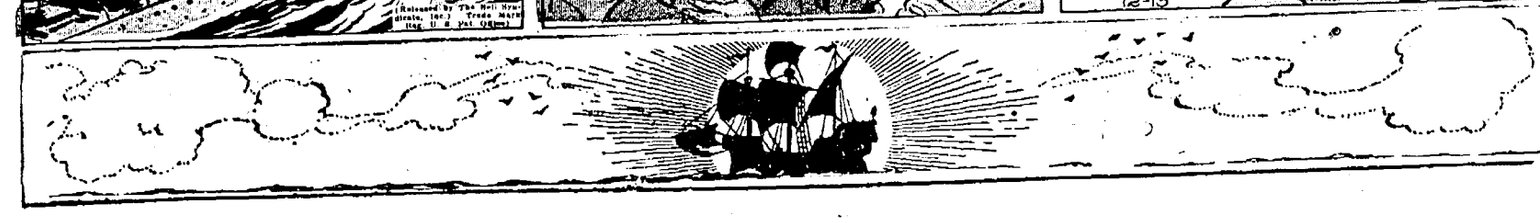


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LI'L ABNER

by AL CAPP

H-HAPPY VALLEY, HYAR AH COME!!

Advice fo' Chillun



E CAREFUL HOW YO' PLACE A LADDEF... OR WHEN IT SLIPS YO'LL BE MUCH SADDF...

SENT IN BY HARRY BARTEDO, FREEHOLD, N.J.

OH—SOB—BLAST YO! YO' IS TH' STUBBORNEST MULE IN ALL TARNATION!!

?-?-THET MULE REMINDS ME O' SOMEONE AH KNOWS—BUT-?-? WHO?

ME LIKEWISE—BUT—?-?-? W-WHO?

IRONPANTS YOKUM—THASS WHO!!!

LAST AH HEERD O' COUSIN IRONPANTS, HE DONE SETTLED IN A PLACE CALLED "HAPPY VALLEY"! THASS A POW'FUL LONG WAY OFF, SO AH HEARS.

'TAIN'T RIGHT FO' YOKUM T' LOSE TOUCH WIF OTHER YOKUMS. TH' ONLY DECENT THING T' DO IS SEND OUR CHILE, NAME OF LI'L ABNER, T' VISIT HIM.

THE NEXT DAY—

GOO'BYE, PAPPY DEAR!

GOO'BYE, MAH CHILE!

SMACK

YO' MEANDERS STRAIGHT UP "DAID HAWG ROAD" TILL YO' COMES T' "EAST MISERY"—ANYONE THAR'LL TELL YO' WHAR "HAPPY VALLEY" IS!

LATER: EAST MISERY—

SUH!-WILL YO' KINELY TELL ME HOW T' GIT T' "HAPPY VALLEY"?

NO, SON—NO!! N-NOT HAPPY VALLEY! OH, MAH BOY—YO' IS TOO FINE—YO' GOT TOO CLEAN A LOOK IN YO' EYE—T' DO THET!—GO HOME, MAH BOY—GO HOME, NOW!

WA-AL—EF YO' INSISTS—IT'S STRAIGHT AHAID—PAST "WEST TWITCH"—SIGH!!—YOUNG FOOLS LIKE HIM RUSH IN WHAR OLE ANGELS—LIKE ME—FEARS T' TREAD!!

HE'S ACTIN' AWFUL PEEKOOLYAR 'BOUT IT!!

OH, M-MY—OH, M-MY!!

CRASH

H-HE DIDN'T BAT A EYELASH!!

HO-HUM!!

STRANGER!! THAS MOST WONDIFUL EXHID O' STEEL NERVES AH EVA... SEEN!!—MOST MEN WOULDA FAINTED DAID AWAY AT SECH A CLOSE CALL!!

MOST ORDINARY MEN—BUT NOT DAN'L DAWGMEAT!

YO' IS TH' MOST LION-HEARTED CRITTER AH HAS EVAH HAD TH' PRIVILEGE O' MAKIN' CHIN MOOSIC WIF. DAN'L DAWGMEAT. WHAR IS HAPPY VALLEY?

D-DID YO' SAY, HAPPY VALLEY?

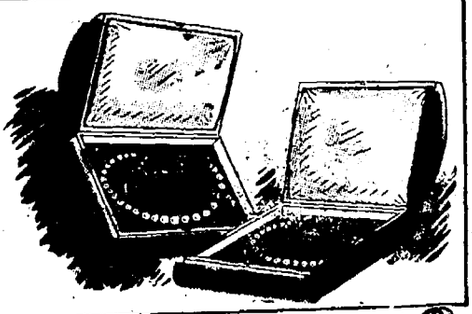
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DAN'L DAWGMEAT DONE FAINTED DAID AWAY!!!



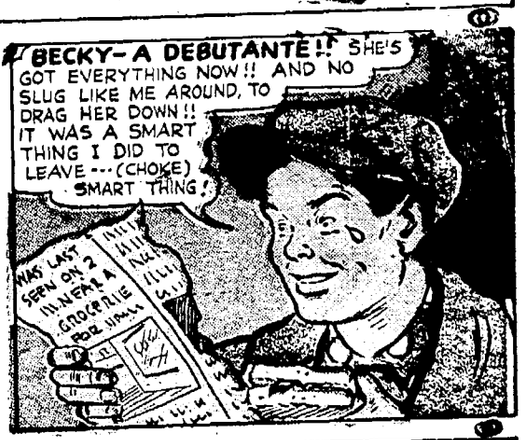
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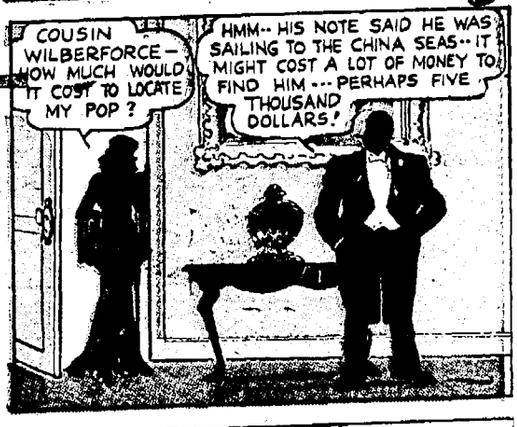


























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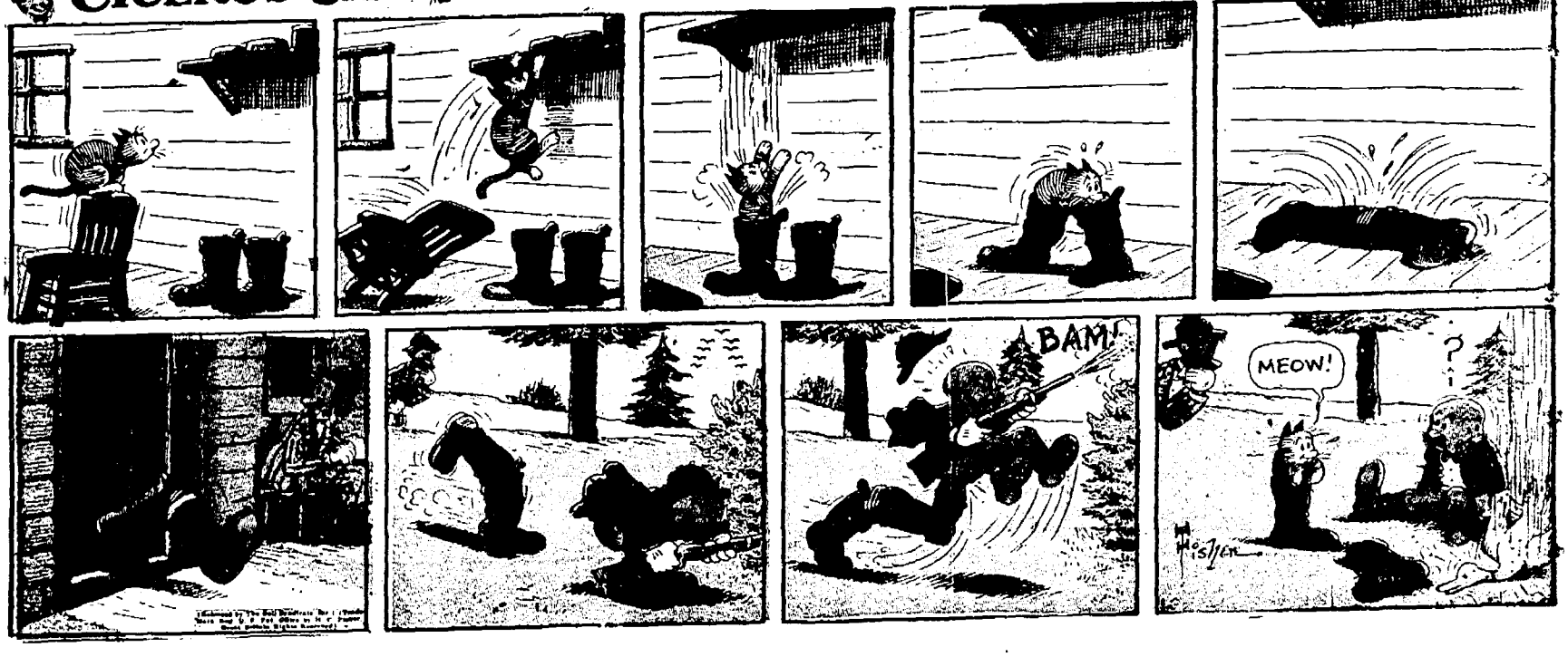
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BY- RUSSELL LEAROW

GYRIL, ADMIRING A SKILLFUL DEMONSTRATION OF AERIAL ACROBATICS, APPROACHES THE "HE-MAN" PILOT AFTER LANDING.

GO AHEAD, MAMA! STEP UP AN' MAKE TH' GUY AN OFFER! GIVE HIM TH' JOB OF FLYIN' MY NEW AIRPLANE!

I'M AFRAID THERE'S A SLIGHT MISUNDERSTANDING, CYRIL!

IT-IT'S A GIRL! J-J-JENNY DARE!

OH, NO, CYRIL! DON'T RUN AWAY! I THINK YOU'VE MADE A SPLENDID CHOICE--

NO GIRL IS GONNA FLY MY SHIP!

PAY NO ATTENTION TO HIM.. THIS IS ONE TIME I'M HAVING MY WAY! -- THAT STUNT FLYING CONVINCED ME YOU'RE A WONDERFUL PILOT!

THEN I'M HIRED?

MEANWHILE, RICK-LEAVING THE HOSPITAL--

THANKS, FELLOW! --HAVEN'T MUCH SENSE OF BALANCE! CAN'T WALK WITHOUT REELING AND FALLING

AERO CAB

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HAPPY LANDINGS! I'VE GOT A JOB! CYRIL DOESN'T LIKE ME--BUT I'LL WIN HIM OVER! NOW I CAN HELP RICK! I'LL GET A SPECIALIST--

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--YES! I'M POSITIVE! MR. DAVIS LEFT THE HOSPITAL ONLY A SHORT WHILE AGO!

HE SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT! HE NEEDS THE CARE AND TREATMENT- DID HE LEAVE AN ADDRESS?

INFORMATION

JENNY'S STYLE SHOW

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PATTY HINTON, CORINTH, MISS.

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MARIAN ECKHARDT, MILWAUKEE, WISC.

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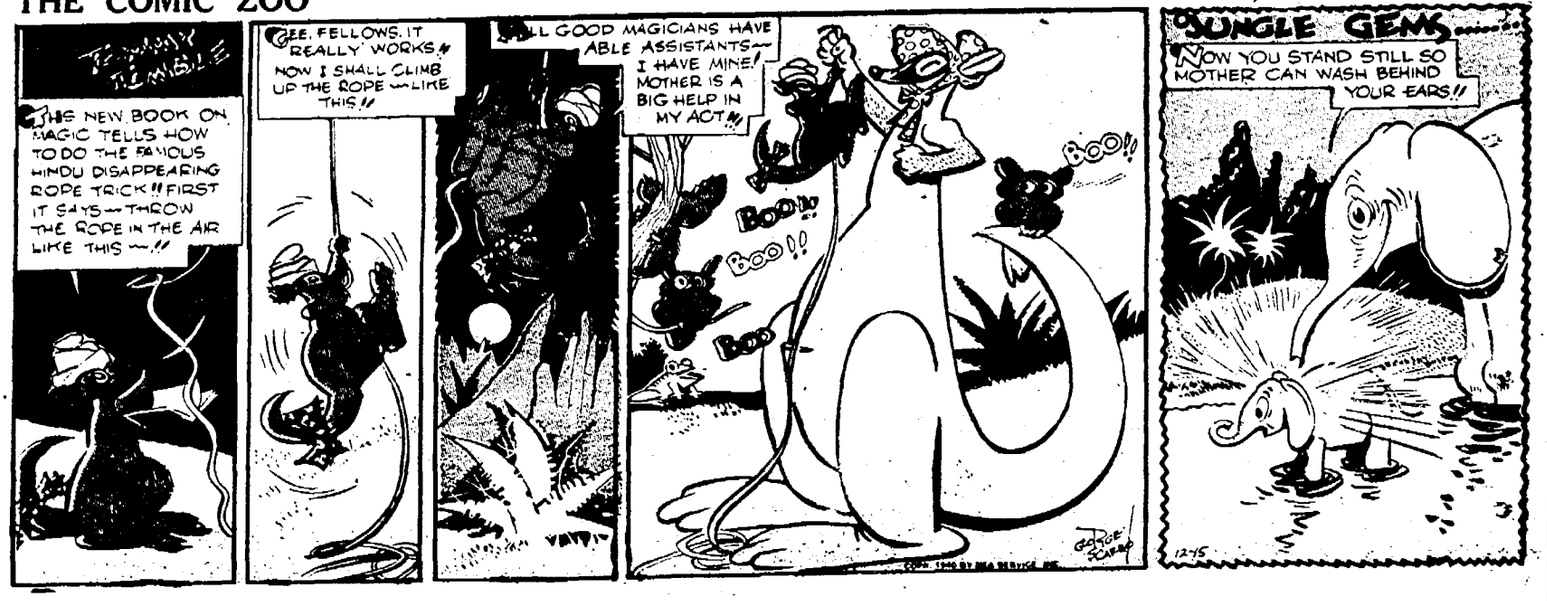
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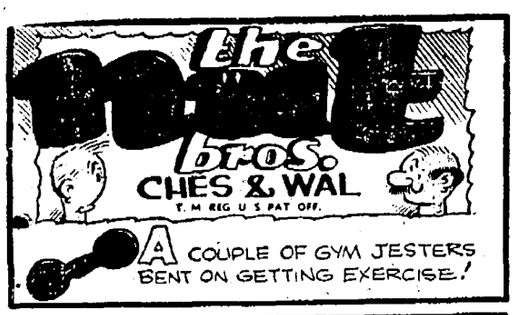
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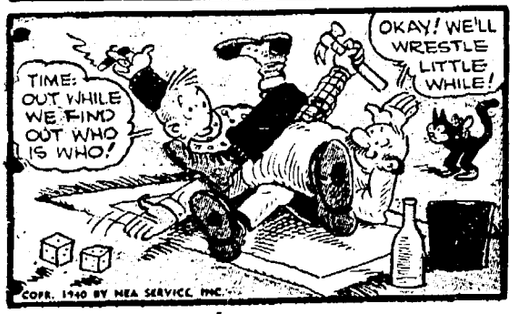
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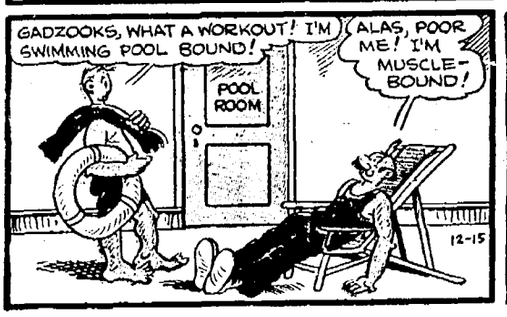
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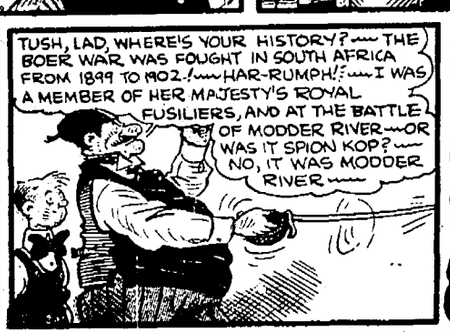
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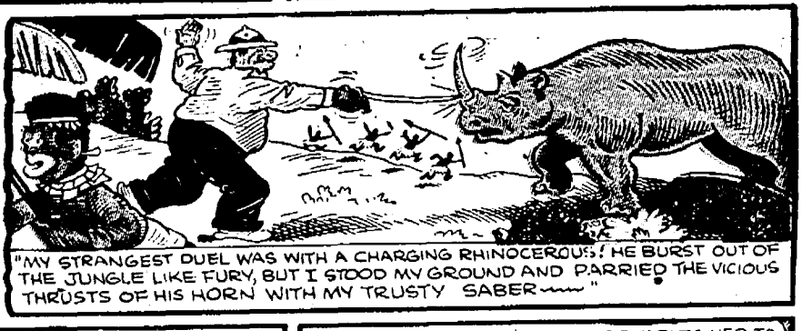






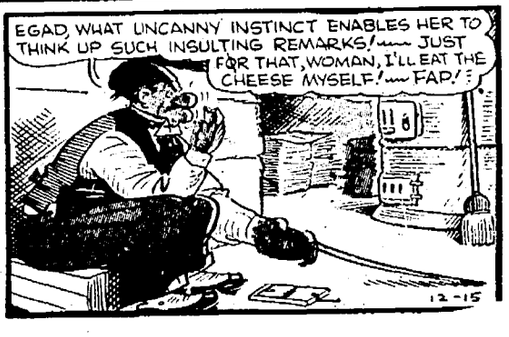












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THIS CURIOUS WORLD

IF IT WERE POSSIBLE FOR US TO EXIST ON A *WATERLESS* EARTH, SUCH AS THE MOON, WE'D NOT FIND IT ENTIRELY LACKING IN FAVORABLE FEATURES.

SUBMARINES WOULD SINK NO SHIPS BECAUSE THERE'D BE NO SHIPS TO SINK.

by Lyman Ferguson

MOSQUITOES WOULD NEVER BOTHER US.

WE'D NEVER SLIP AND FALL IN THE BATH TUB...

RAIN CHECKS WOULD BE UNNECESSARY.

WE'D HAVE NO SNOW TO SHOVEL, AND NO ICE ON OUR SIDEWALKS.

OHH!

THERE'D BE NO DRIPPING FAUCETS.

PLINK PLUNK PLINK

SEA SICKNESS WOULD BE AN UNKNOWN MISERY.

AND OUR GOLF COURSES WOULD HAVE NO WATER HAZARDS.

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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

by Blosser

SIXTEENTH FLOOR, PLEASE!

THIS BUILDING HAS ONLY EIGHT FLOORS!

WELL, DO YOU KNOW WHERE I COULD FIND ONE WITH SIXTEEN?

YES...GO TO BECK'S DEPARTMENT STORE.

OKAY, BUB...DIS IS SIXTEEN! FURNITURE AN' DRAPERIES.

TAKE ME DOWN NINE FLOORS, PLEASE!

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE CARPETS DRAPERIES LAWN GARDEN

DIS IS THE SEVENTH FLOOR!

WOULD YOU MIND TAKING ME UP FOUR FLOORS?

WHY DON'T YOU MAKE UP YO' MIND? NOW GIT OUT!!

I WILL IF YOU'LL JUST GO BACK DOWN EIGHT FLOORS!

WHAT FLOOR ARE WE ON NOW? JUST TO MAKE SURE!

YO HEARD ME! DOES AH HAVE TO REPEAT MAHSELF AGIN? NOW SCRAM!!

RECESS IS NEARLY OVER! YOU WERE ALMOST LATE... WHERE WERE YOU, TAG?

HUH! I SHOULD TELL YOU!!

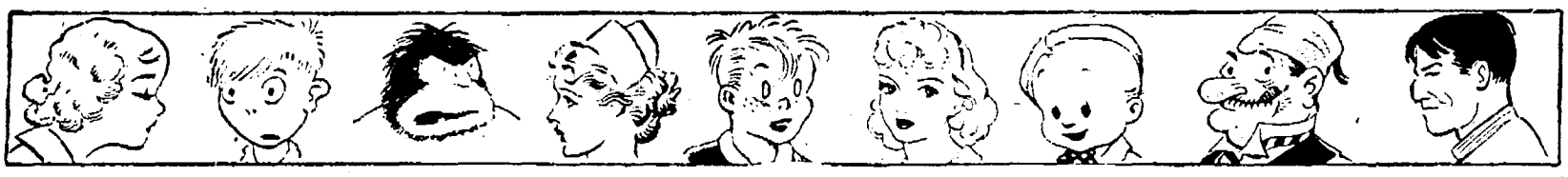
IF A MAN GETS ON AN ELEVATOR AND GOES TO THE 16TH FLOOR THEN DOWN NINE----

---UP FOUR AND DOWN EIGHT, WHAT FLOOR WOULD HE BE ON?

STOVES, LINGLEUM, HAMMOCKS, FISHING TACKLE AND LADIES' WASHABLES!!

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FAMILY

POUND OF STEAK? YES, SIR! FOR FOOD, OR **MEDICAL** USE?

AN' I SAY SUNNY'S GOIN' FER A WALK WITH ME, HER UNCLE!

PISH TUSH! YOU'D PROBABLY TAKE THE CHILD TO A POOL ROOM!

HERE! IF YOU TWO DUNCES ARE GOING TO QUARREL OVER THAT CHILD, SUPPOSE YOU **BOTH** LOOK AFTER HER WHILE I GO TO THE STORE!

..AND I MEAN, **REALLY** LOOK AFTER HER!

THAT'S OKAY, GRAMPAW BRAMBLE! IT'LL GIVE US A CHANCT TO TALK OVER WHAT WE WANTA GIT MARY FER **CHRISTMAS**!

GOT ANY IDEAS, BIFF? ..NOT THAT YOUR BEFOGGED BRAIN **COULD** BRING FORTH A FRUITFUL SUGGESTION!

IGNORIN' TH' INSULT, YOU OLD SHEEP DOG, I FIGGERED ON A **RADIO**, FER HER ROOM!

FIDDLE FADDLE! SHE CAN LISTEN TO THE ONE DOWNSTAIRS!

BUT SHE **MIGHT** WANTA TAKE SETTIN' UP EXERCISES!..I DO, EVERY MORNING!

AND A FINE EXAMPLE OF PHYSICAL FITNESS YOU ARE! YOU COULDN'T **BREAK A CRACKER** WITHOUT STRAINING YOUR BACK!

OH, YEAH? I CAN PUT **YOU** DOWN WITH ONE HAND BEHIND ME!

HA! THE TYRO BOASTS TO THE OLD MASTER, EH? CHOOSE YOUR HOLD, SIR!

SUNNY WHERE ARE THOSE MEN?

UPSTAIRS..ACTIN' SILLY, GRAN'MA!

BILL! GRANDPA BRAMBLE! WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU UP TO?

ER.. WE.. WAS.... JIST DECIDIN' WHAT WE'D BUY YA FER CHRISTMAS!

WE'RE GONNA GIVE YA A SOLID WALNUT **DRESSIN' TABLE** WITH MIRRORS ALL AROUND!

BUT.. I'VE ALREADY **GOT** ONE!

NO Y'AIN'T! GRAMPAW AN' ME.. WE JIST **WRECKED** IT!

DALE

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LAVAL OUSTED AND JAILED BY PETAIN

British Forces Invade Libya, Following Fleeing Foes

ITALIAN ARMY BADLY BROKEN CLAIM BRITISH

Egypt About Cleared Of Duce's Men

By The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — The Italian African army, broken into bits, harassed by unending air attack and declared here to have been effectively driven from Egypt, fought "on and about" its own colonial frontier of Libya Saturday night in an action that had become a defense of Fascist soil.

The term "on and about" was used by the British command itself in an official communique which did not add the obvious implication the apparent purpose of trying to destroy the entire Fascist force.

Libya Invaded

While no military authority would discuss future British plans, it was indicated that at some points fighting already was going on within Libya.

One informant pointed out that the question of supplies and particularly water was a dominant one and said that a continuation of the British offensive probably would involve an effort to try to restrict the fighting generally to the hill regions beyond the Libyan borders.

An aspect of the future situation he declared, was that the Italians would be seriously hampered by the loss of huge amounts of equipment, which British control of the Mediterranean would make exceedingly difficult of replacement.

The action in Egypt itself, as summarized by general headquarters, was simply one of "clearance" —a process of rounding up the stray Fascist units still in the country.

Defeat Called "Rout"

The Italian defeat was called a "Rout" by the British command.

As always, there was no definite figure as to the number of prison-

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SABOTAGE LAW CHANGE ASKED

Officials Powerless Now, Says Chief

WASHINGTON— (AP) —Attorney General Jackson said Saturday the federal government was powerless under existing laws to act against sabotage on airplanes being manufactured for foreign governments or private industry.

In a letter to Representative Voorhis (D-Calif) of the Dies committee on un-American activities, Jackson referred to assertions by the committee that six acts of sabotage had been committed on an airplane manufactured for the British government at an unnamed Pacific Coast plant.

New Law Slated

Voorhis said Saturday night he hoped to introduce legislation within the next few days to correct the situation mentioned by the attorney general. He said the legislation probably would be the mere insertion of language into the defense act to extend to the FBI power to investigate sabotage on goods intended for interstate and foreign commerce.

The accusations of sabotage on the airplane were contained in a file of the Dies committee turned over to the justice department.

Spain Cleans Camps

MADRID —(AP)— All prisoners in concentration camps who were sentenced to terms of six months or less have been ordered released by the government.

Willkie Flunks Politics In Electoral College Says Gridiron Club, Ribbing Defeated Candidates At Meet

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Gridiron Club's winter dinner Saturday night poked fun at its own members of both political parties and a few assorted victims, and closed on a distinctly patriotic note of national unity.

The dinner marked the completion of the presidential term of Mark Foote, Washington correspondent of the Booth Newspapers of Michigan. Harold Brayman of the Houston Chronicle succeeded to the presidency.

President Foote referred to the absence of President Roosevelt, his first during his two terms, in his introductory remarks.

"On one thing," Foote said, "there is no division in America. We are beating our plowshares into swords and training our boys to be soldiers for defense and we mean business. In this we stand united.

"Through it all we can still laugh in America. Just ahead of us is a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and Much Heavier Taxes."

The two speeches of the evening, off the records in the tradition of the dinner, were made by two defeated candidates, Wendell Willkie, unsuccessful Republican aspirant for the presidency, and Henry F. Ashurst, who failed to retain his seat as a Democratic senator from Arizona. A parody of "Empty Saddles In the Old Corral" marked the introduction of Senator Ashurst.

National defense, the national defense advisory commission, the army and navy high commands, investigating committees and

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WET NORTHER VALLEY SHARE OF COLD WAVE

Ice Blankets Most Of Texas

HARLINGEN — Cold rains and fog blanketed most of Texas Saturday night, and added to ice which glazed the Texas Panhandle and most of Oklahoma. In the Valley, a day long drizzle turned into steady rain after nightfall, with such widely separated points as McAllen, Harlingen and Brownsville reporting heavy fall, accompanied by electrical display.

Cloudy weather with occasional rain or drizzle, and not much change in temperature, is the forecast in the Valley for Sunday, with a similar forecast for Monday with addition of predicted northerly winds. At Brownsville Saturday, small range in temperature was reported, with the low at 59 degrees and the highest reading 65 degrees.

Cold Wave General

Meanwhile, Associated Press dispatches revealed Saturday that the ice sheet extended south into the state past Lubbock and east beyond Wichita Falls. Temperatures ranged from 20 degrees at Amarillo to the thirties in northeast Texas and the sixties along the coast.

Plane flights were cancelled and traffic crawled over slick highways. Grady Durbin of Pecos was killed in a car wreck on an icy pavement near Sweetwater. Tom McNeil, 27, and Sterling Elmore, 30, were killed late Friday night in a car collision near their home in Brownfield. Numerous minor accidents were reported.

The flooding Sabine river spread over lowlands along the Texas-Louisiana border for a second time in three weeks. Most sections of

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Twins Oppose Each Other In Election

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—(AP)—Frank and Harry Kilbane, 35-year-old twins, obtained petitions Saturday to run for mayor in the February 25 primary on opposing tickets.

Frank will file as a Democrat and Harry as a Republican.

Hug-Coast Highway History, Opening In Today's Big Paper

Tuesday, December 17, the Hug-the-Coast Highway will open officially with an elaborate celebration in Raymondville. This event marks the end of a 27-year fight for a road through Kenedy highway to shorten the distance between the Lower Valley and upstate points.

Today's Star-Monitor-Herald prints six pages of stories and pictures giving the history of the long battle and details of the coming celebration. Turn to pages 9 to 14 inclusive.

GIRL PLAYS OUT THESPIAN ROLE; DIES OF INJURY

CINCINNATI, Ia. —(AP)— The shadow of death lay across the high school auditorium stage here last night as 15-year-old Shirley Joan Hall walked on, but she played out her role in the age-old tradition of the theater.

Just before first curtain at the school play, Shirley, who had a leading part, fell down a flight of nine steps leading to the girls' dressing room. Laid tenderly on a cot by fellow thespians, she cried a little, but when her call came she went on and played her role well.

At home, she developed a severe headache, lapsed into unconsciousness. Her parents rushed her to a hospital where she died of a skull fracture.

ROME DENIES PEACE OFFER

Refuse To Admit Any African Defeat

By The Associated Press

ROME — The Italians announced to the world Saturday through the Rome radio that "no peace offer will ever be forthcoming from Italy," and refused to acknowledge defeat in Africa.

The high commands daily communique asserted Fascist counter-attacks had "slowed up enemy pressure" in Egypt, but laid no further claims to success in the field, and authoritative commentators took the line that what was happening in the desert was a long way from any decision.

They spoke of it as an action still raging over a vast area and described the British force as enormous.

It was observed that the outcome of the struggle appeared to depend on the ability of the two armies to maneuver and to keep supplied with the essentials of war.

Writing in Il Giornale D'Italia, and speaking the government's views, Virginio Gayda asserted the results of the battle could be measured only weeks and months from now.

Both Egypt and Greece, he declared, were mere episodes to Italy and her attacking power has not been exhausted.

Rochester Clinics To Battle Disease

ROCHESTER, N. Y. —(AP)— The city health bureau announced Saturday two clinics would remain open Sunday for inoculation against typhoid fever, feared spread through city water by inadvertent admission of untreated Genesee river water into the mains.

Five clinics were open Saturday, and Dr. Arthur M. Johnson, city health officer, said "hundreds" were submitting voluntarily to the first of three typhoid vaccine shots necessary to immunity.

6 MILLION TO GET NEW JOBS IN NEW YEAR

Employment Increase Seen By Experts

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Twentieth Century Fund, an institute devoted to economic research, predicted Saturday that national employment would increase approximately 6,000,000 by the fall of 1942.

In a report surveying labor policy under the defense program, the fund said that "labor shortages can exist in certain localities or trades in spite of considerable unemployment in other areas."

Aircraft Men Needed

Acute shortages of aircraft supervisors, specialized shipyard craftsmen and tool and instrument makers were cited as current examples by the research staff, which is headed by Prof. Lloyd G. Reynolds of John Hopkins University.

Such specific conditions should not obscure the labor picture as a whole, the report said, adding:

"It would certainly be wrong to conclude that all employable workers will have jobs by the end of 1942 . . . Many of the unemployed will not be absorbed because they are in the wrong places or the wrong occupations, and there may well be unemployment of 2,000,000 or more even at the peak of defense production."

Solution Offered

To help remedy the skilled labor shortage, the report proposed, the "drastic expedient of breaking down production processes into simpler elements, which can be performed by workers with only a few months' training."

Industry's Attempt To Supply Both Civilians, Army Causes Defense Lag

Knudsen Demands Better Results From Industrialists; Longer Week, Longer Hours Studied As Solution

By FRANK MacMILLEN

NEW YORK—(AP)—How to get more production out of the nation's busy factories confronted industrial leaders Saturday as a major problem awaiting solution in efforts to speed the defense program.

Heavy Christmas demand for consumers goods drew attention to industry's double lead in supplying both civilian and government military orders.

Homeward bound after attending the annual Congress of American Industry, sponsored by the National Association of Manufacturers, scores of the country's leading industrialists pondered the appeal for faster production raised Friday night by Defense Commissioner William S. Knudsen.

Lag Acknowledged

Knudsen, in a blunt speech acknowledging a lag in defense production, put the question whether the country could afford to "cut 20 per cent off our machine time" by keeping machinery idle from Friday to Monday in the five-day work week.

Before Knudsen turned the spotlight on the production question,

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TANK BLAZE IS FATAL TO 2

Texas City Refinery Still Burning

GALVESTON, Tex.—(AP)—Texas City's costly Southport Oil Refinery fire, which is gradually burning itself out, Saturday claimed the life of a second man who, with nearly a score of workmen, was sprayed with burning oil Friday when a blazing storage tank boiled over.

The second victim was Paul Dupree, 40, Texas City, who died Saturday afternoon at a hospital here before blood transfusions could be given. He suffered severe burns of his head, both hands, face, arms, back and his right leg.

Earlier in the day A. W. Taylor, 36, Texas City Heights, died at the hospital from burns suffered in the fire. Nineteen men were burned, and three others are still in a critical condition in local hospitals.

Hunter Shoots Self

ARTESIA, N. M. —(AP)— Alvy J. Mooney, 22, accidentally shot and killed himself late Saturday while changing cars preparatory to a hunting trip.

FD SATISFIED WITH BASES IN DEFENSE AREA

Personal Inspection Trip Is Ended

ABOARD ROOSEVELT TRAIN En Route to Warm Spring, Ga.—(AP)—President Roosevelt ended a cruise over nearly 4,000 miles of the Caribbean and Atlantic Saturday, assured by a personal inspection that sites for American defense bases in Jamaica, St. Lucia and Antigua were satisfactory, but skeptical about facilities in the Bahamas.

Pointing up evidence of Anglo-American friendship, the cruise took the president into the waters of a belligerent power for the first time since the current conflict began in Europe. He paused at more than half a dozen British islands, and also at the French island of Martinique.

Tanned By Trip

Mr. Roosevelt came ashore from the cruiser Tuscaloosa at the Charleston, S. C., navy yard Saturday afternoon, tanned by a tropical sun and salt-laden breezes, after 12 days at sea.

Immediately, he left by special train for Warm Springs, Ga., to spend Sunday at the Foundation for Infantile Paralysis victims and then return to Washington Monday.

The cruise took him to four of the eight spots where the United States obtained rights, by turning over 50 old destroyers to Britain, to establish plane and naval bases in British territory and thereby forge a chain of outlying defenses for the continent and the Panama Canal.

Sites Satisfactory

Mr. Roosevelt found the sites at the islands of Jamaica, St. Lucia, and Antigua in the Caribbean met the qualifications of supplying anchorage for essential maintenance and supply ships and areas for sea and land plane operations.

But at Mayaguana island in the

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Mexican Ambassador Returns For Xmas

MEXICO CITY —(AP)— A high official of the Petroleum Workers Union said Saturday night that 6,000 of the government oil industry's 18,000 employes were to be dismissed in President Avila Camacho's drive to liquidate the industry's 68,000,000 peso deficit.

The Albanian Front



Athens reports said Italians were falling back steadily for a possible new stand in heights around Chimara (1), almost half way up the Albanian coast from Porto Edda to Valona. A Greek spokesman said Italians also were withdrawing rapidly north of Argirocastro and London reports said Greeks had taken Kodre (2). Snows hampered operations on the northern front (3). Greeks said their penetrations (slant shading) of Albania now is almost twice as deep at both flanks as maximum Italian thrusts into Greece several weeks ago. Black areas indicate direction and location of the Italian thrusts, which never have been exactly defined.

Italian Spaghetti Is 'Captured' Now By Greek Cafe Man

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—(AP)—A customer climbed onto a stool at the counter of a Greek restaurant here.

"Gimme an order of Italian spaghetti."

"We ain't got no Italian spaghetti. We got some Greek spaghetti. O. K.?

"O. K."

BUILDING BOOM IN HARLINGEN

Five New Business Structures Start

HARLINGEN—This city is witnessing a renewal of the building boom which in 1940 has given Harlingen its biggest year for building in a number of years. The first half of December has seen most of this renewal, with five new business buildings and a half a dozen new residences under construction.

Work has begun on the largest of the five business buildings, the $20,000 new home of the Browder Motor Co. on West Jackson. Of reinforced concrete and tile construction, the building is 125 by 140 feet.

Knapp Motor Co. is also to have a new home. A 24 by 60 office and sales room building, for which $5,000 permit was taken out, will be augmented by a 75 by 140 shop building.

San Antonio Paper Co. also is constructing a new $14,500 building on West Jackson, and will be of concrete and tile construction. A $6,000 clinic for Dr. Troy Shafer is being added to "Clinic Row" on East Harrison, and a 50 by 100 foot building for Reger Neon Co. is being constructed on Commerce.

Some seven houses, totalling $17,750 and ranging from $1,750 and $3,500 are being built in Harlingen at the present time, according to City Building Inspector Ralph Bledsoe. Well over 100 new residences have been built during the year, with several others to be started soon.

Italy Raids Malta

LONDON— (AP) —Reuters, British news agency, reported that two formations of "enemy" aircraft caused "slight civilian casualties and little damage to property" in attacks Saturday on the Mediterranean island of Malta.

ACTOR DIES

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. —(AP)— Edward Cecil, 60, veteran motion picture character actor, died of a heart attack Friday, it became known Saturday.

NO. 2 FRENCH LEADER WAS STRONG NAZI

Flandin Succeeds As Vice Premier

NEW YORK —(AP)— Max Jordan, NBC correspondent in a broadcast from Basel, Switzerland, said Saturday night that Pierre Laval was lodged in a jail at Vichy, France, and that his resignation as vice-premier resulted from an unsuccessful attempt to persuade Marshal Petain to give Germany the aid of the French fleet against the British in return for liberal Nazi peace terms.

Petain was quoted as saying Germany's latest peace proposal as advocated by Laval came at too high a price, Jordan said.

VICHY, France —(AP)—The world was permitted to learn Saturday night that Pierre Laval, No. 2 man of the Vichy government, has been forcibly shown the door, but that his policy of collaboration with Germany will be continued under Pierre-Etienne Flandin.

Laval was ousted as vice-premier and foreign minister Friday night. Flandin took over the foreign ministry. The vice-premiership was left empty.

As the hectic events of the past 24 hours unfolded—their full story still may not be told—informed persons said the action was directed mainly against Laval's activity at home and not against the principle of German collaboration, which Chief of State Marshal Philippe Petain has endorsed.

Planned Own Rule

(In Bern, Switzerland, authoritative diplomatic sources said Laval was accused by his colleagues of scheming to set himself up as head of an independent government at Paris and even of plotting to lead France into war against Britain. He was reported under guard at his estate.)

Significant was the official announcement that the change had been communicated to Reichsfuehrer Hitler before the public was told, informing him that pro-German, Rightist Flandin was "more apt" than his predecessor at "collaboration."

The old marshal himself told the people that the change would not effect French relations with Germany, although Laval was the man who had done more than anyone to bring France close to the Axis.

Yet Petain, in words weighty with significance, explained to

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GREEKS TAKE MORE ALBANIA

Italian Resistance Is Stiffening

ATHENS—(Sunday) —(AP)—Greek troops slogging through heavy snowfalls have crushed fierce Italian mountaintop defenses all along the Albanian front, capturing more prisoners and arament, the Greeks declared officially early today.

Italian resistance was said to be especially stiff in the northern Pogradetz area on the route leading to Elbasani, but a government spokesman said it was not holding up the Greek advance.

Battle Northward

Other Greek units were battling their way northward along the Adriatic coastline toward Chimara enroute to Valona, and also cutting toward those ports from inland trails in the Tepeleni region, reports here said.

The Greeks already have claimed a total of 7,250 troops captured, and the high command said additional prisoners were taken in Saturday's fighting, along with 60 automatic weapons.

"The news from the front is highly satisfactory, the spokesman said. "In some places we are making the usual advances whereas in others the Italians are putting up stiff resistance but everywhere it has been crushed despite the fact that snow is very heavy in the fighting regions."

Italian Planes Active

(Yugslav border dispatches from the northern Lake Orchid region said Italian planes were active there, heavily bombing Greek positions in the Pogradetz area.)

The ministry of home security said Italian planes attacked some villages but that no civilian casualties were reported.

Laborite A Red

Union Votes Leader Is Guilty

SEATTLE —(AP)— Members of the Aeronautical Mechanics Union, Local 751, voted 429 to 344 Saturday to accept a report declaring Vice President Donald R. Keppler "guilty of Communistic activities."

The union, an AFL affiliate, has a membership of some 8,000 employes of the Boeing Aircraft Company here.

The vote came on a report by a "trial board" appointed by the union president to investigate various charges against 16 union members and officials.

Earlier, Keppler had issued a flat denial that he was or ever had been a Communist.

NAZIS SINK HOLIDAY SHIP

Canadian Minister Aboard Liner

NEW YORK—(AP)—The British liner Western Prince, loaded with a heavy cargo, including airplanes, and carrying British officials home for the Christmas holidays, was torpedoed Saturday about 550 miles northwest of Londonderry, Ireland.

(At Ottawa, the prime minister's office reported receipt of a message saying that "most of the persons aboard the Western Prince were saved." No further details of the torpedoing were available).

Mackay Radio here picked up an SSS call that the 10,926-ton ship had been "torpedoed" at 2:02 a.m. (EST). Nothing further was heard after the first call, relayed by the Portpatrick, Scotland, station.

Furness, Withy and Company, managers of the Western Prince, identified one of the 60 passengers as C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Munitions and Supply. Also aboard was Captain W. A. Charlton, one-time master of the Queen of Bermuda. The ship had a crew of 80 when she left here Dec. 6.



Mississippi Prepares For Invasion!

Sheriffs Of Adjoining Counties In Two States Clash Over 'Dens'

MEMPHIS, Tenn. —(AP)—Mississippians are volunteering by the hundreds to repel any "invasion" of their state by crusading Sheriff Guy Joyner of Shelby (Memphis) Tenn., Sheriff E. S. Baxter of Desoto county (Hernando) Miss., said Saturday night.

And moreover, Baxter wrote Joyner in reply to a letter threatening to invade the Mississippi sheriff's bailiwick and clean out state-line "gambling dens," if Joyner tries any such thing it will be "solely and absolutely at your own risk."

"I will not and cannot be responsible for what private citizens might do," Baxter wrote.

Joyner started the row Monday by erecting a big sign at the state line warning that "down the road in Mississippi are gambling dens and dives."

Then Joyner topped it all off Friday night with a letter to Baxter saying that some day or night with axes, bloodhounds and sledge hammers "I will break down those doors and make kindling wood of all gambling equipment."

The Desoto sheriff, who says he knows of no gambling in his domain and would stop it if he did, wrote back:

"I intend to treat you like I would any other ordinary law violator if you, any of your deputies or any person connected directly or indirectly with your office comes into Mississippi—and especially Desoto county — and undertakes to assume the prerogatives of the officers of this county."

US TO BEGIN ON ATLANTIC BASES WORKS

Engineers Already Posted At Sites

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Army completed major preliminaries Saturday for an immediate start on constructing the eight Atlantic naval and air bases acquired from Great Britain.

Engineers already have sailed to prepare the base on the Caribbean island of Jamaica, the war department disclosed, announced that advanced parties would be sent before the year's end to other islands and to British Guiana, on the South American mainland. Work already is progressing in Newfoundland and Bermuda, which did not figure directly in the exchange of 50 American naval destroyers for base sites.

Both the army and navy are involved in the development of the bases, the army's primary task being to garrison and defend them.

To obtain experienced men to help "carry the load of training the new army," the war department also announced that all the 28,739 members of the regular army reserve who do not have dependents would be ordered into active service probably by February 15. The reserve is made up of former enlisted men.

The government's program for expansion of munitions facilities was advanced by an order to start work on a small arms ammunition plant at St. Louis, and by selection of sites for four additional naval ordnance plants.

The Western Cartridge Company of East Alton, Ill., was awarded a $18,600,000 contract to engineer the plant and procure equipment. The United States Cartridge Company of Baltimore, a newly-created subsidiary, was given an initial $87,279,790 order for the first output of the plant.

The four new navy ordnance plants will be in addition to a $5,000,000 establishment already designated for Louisville. The additional plants, which will cost approximately $34,800,000 and employ 8,350 persons, will be located as follows: Detroit vicinity to cost about $12,000,000; Canton, Ohio, about $16,000,000; Indianapolis, about $6,000,000; and Macon, Ga., about $800,000.

FD SATISFIED WITH BASES

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Bahamas, where a special board had recommended that a plane base be located at shallow, reef-sheltered Abrahams Bay, he said anchorages were poor and that efforts would be made to find something better.

That was one of the matters he discussed Friday when the cruise was climaxed by his first meeting since 1919 with the Duke of Windsor.

The former king of England, now governor of the Bahamas, flew out from Miami and conferred with the president aboard the Tuscaloosa while it was anchored at Eleuthera Island—one of those over which Edward has jurisdiction.

WEIGHTY PROBLEMS FACE PRESIDENT DURING WEEK

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Many weighty problems and a desk piled high with work await President Roosevelt when he returns to the White House Monday from his Caribbean cruise.

Within the next three weeks, the chief executive must prepare two important documents for presentation to the new congress meeting in January. The first is the budget for the fiscal year beginnig next June 1, and the other is his annual message on "The State of the Union."

Walter-Logan Bill

The president also will find on his desk the Walter-Logan bill, a measure distasteful to some administration aides. He must act upon it by Wednesday, or allow it to become law without his signature, and Washington, generally, expects a veto. The bill would broaden the jurisdiction of the courts over the decisions and procedure of such governmental agencies as the labor board and communications commission.

Foremost among policy matters which appear pressing for decision are the questions of financial aid for Great Britain and energizing the defense program.

Defense Is Lagging

Defense efforts admittedly are lagging. William S. Knudsen, defense commisisoner in charge of production, disclosed Friday night that airplane production was 30 per cent behind estimates made last July.

In connection with the talk of ways to whip the rearmament program into top speed, some are predicting the appointment of a defense head, possibly Knudsen, with authority to go into the factories themselves, search out production bottlenecks and show the manufacturer how to eliminate them.

The president's lieutenants have gone as far as they feel that they can go on the question of lending money to England, and the next step is up to the president.

Greek Vessel Sends Out Distress Call

NEW YORK —(AP)— The 4,798-ton Greek steamer Orion sent out urgent distress signals Saturday night, intercepted by Mackay Radio, which said she had a broken steering gear in a north Atlantic storm.

The Orion reported at 6:28 p.m. that she needed help immediately, Mackay said. The ship's position was about 700 miles northeast of St. John's, Nfld.

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San Benito Youth Now With British Flying Force Really Likes His Job

Frank Cowart Visits Relatives With New Wife

By DEL CRAIN

SAN BENITO—"I like my job so much they'll have to fire me to get me out," said Flying Officer Frank E. Cowart of the Royal Canadian Air Force and former San Benitan Saturday.

Frank and his beauteous Canadian wife or rather bride, Patricia Ann, left Saturday afternoon after a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Cowart, and his uncles, Tom and John Cowart. They expected to drive through to his station at Jarvis, Ontario, in three days.

Is Flying Officer

His title as "flying officer" is comparable to the first lieutenent in the United States Air Corps and he is stationed with No. One Bombing and Gunnery Squadron training pilots in a final six weeks course before they go to England.

It is understood that Frank has "ferried" planes "across" but when asked about it he said he couldn't talk for publication because of the strict regulations of the service. However, he did say that at the time of his enlistment in August, 1940, that he signed up for transatlantic service but soon afterwards this service was taken over by private enterprise on a strictly civilian basis.

He Likes Canada

One thing about which he is "loquacious" is the splendid treatment by Canadian officials who are the "most considerate and nicest people" he just about ever met. He said they practically "bent over backward" in an effort to give every service requested by the men.

"Craving excitement," as he put it, Frank resigned in 1939 a position of six years as secretary to G. B. Corless, general superintendent of the Gulf Coast Division of the Humble Company in Houston to form the "Gulf Coast Hot Shot Service." This company specialized in delivering certain oil field equipment and in crop-dusting in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Soldier Of Fortune

He was recommended for the Canadian service in August by the well-known flyer, Ace Corbin, and was contacted in Houston by telephone by Col. Bill Brooks, famous "soldier of fortune" recruiting men for the service. Reporting the next day in Dallas, Frank underwent flight tests there with seven other Texans; flew to New York for other stringent physical examinations and then to Ottawa, Canada, for still more rigorous tests. The reason for the severe examinations was that certain men were picked for officers commissions selected on the basis of education, character, background and ability. From there he went to Trenton, Ontario, which is the "Randolph Field of Canada" and was instructed in flying of all types of planes. In his present squadron at Jarvis are some 30 Americans including two Valley boys, Brady Parker of Lyford and Bill Ferguson of McAllen.



San Benitan Frank E. Cowart who "made good" with the Royal Canadian Air Force and is Flying Officer with the Bombing and Gunnery Squadron at Jarvis, Ontario, pictured with his lovely bride, Patricia Ann. They visited relatives in San Benito, leaving Saturday for Canada.

ITALIAN ARMY BADLY BROKEN

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ers captured: An incomplete official estimate put it at 26,000, together with vast quantities of guns, tanks, arms, equipment of all sorts.

This estimate, which the British said was conservative, placed in actual custody more than one fourth of the Fascist army which invaded Egypt in the early autumn and now has been driven back to the point where it started—an army which at its peak strength had been estimated by the British at 80,000.

The troops which had escaped capture in the flight into Libya were pictured as so disorganized as to be of little present account.

British air activity continued to set a huge tempo of violence for the whole operation.

Air Assaults Continuous

Continuous assaults with bomb and machinegun fire on Italian positions far within Libya—at Derna, for example, 150 miles and more within the frontier—were reported by the Royal Air Force. Hard hit, said the British, were the Derna barracks, wireless station and other military buildings, and spreading fires were left in the area.

Among the announced results elsewhere in this furious aerial campaign were these:

Bardia, the important Libyan coastal base, hit again; military stores bombed in half a dozen points and airdromes, landing fields, gasoline storages and the like pounded over a wide area; retreating Italians heavily machine-gunned.

TEXAS OILMEN AWAIT ORDER

AUSTIN—(AP)—While Texas oilmen awaited possible action by the Railroad Commission after a statewide proration hearing, commission engineers Saturday reported production this week averaged approximately 35,515 barrels daily over the U. S. Bureau of Mines estimate.

The figure, slightly higher than last week's included daily underproduction of 47,609 in assigned but unproduced allowables.

The net daily allowable increased over that of a week ago by 6,276 barrels daily to a total of 1,360,124, the federal bureau's estimate of demand from Texas during December was 1,277,000 barrels a day.

Washington Irving was a lawyer and business man as well as writer.

Aged Lady's Action Plea Is Answered

Mailed Suggestions Fill Her Time

SEATTLE — (AP) — A week ago, Mrs. Ella Russell, 72 years old, widowed and "comfortably fixed" financially, was wondering "what am I going to do with the rest of my life?"

Weaving rugs and sitting by the fireside reading a good book didn't appeal to her as the proper ending for what had been a busy life.

It looked like a dull old age for Ella Russell, and she cried out against it.

Readers Answer

But that was before the newspaper readers of the nation took their pens in hand to suggest ways Ella Russell could avoid "gathering mental dust."

"I'm just like the old lady who lived in a shoe," she said Saturday as the postman rang again and she began opening the latest batch of nearly 500 letters already received. "Instead of having so many children, I have so many ideas I don't know what to do."

Widow Excited

And Mrs. Russell laughed excitedly, as she fingered through her growing pile of letters.

A widow, 63 years old, sent this from Amarillo, Tex.:

"I sure feel sorry for you. . . . I used to live on a mail route, and the mail man laughed at me for never having any use for a mail box. But now I spend my time writing to people I never have seen, or expect to see.

Start a Store

"Or, you might start a store and sell pretty things to old ladies."

From a woman in San Jose, Calif.:

"What interesting reading a book containing the idea you will get from readers would make! Why not save the good letters and write a book about them. Some publisher might take the book. God bless you!"

And a housewife in Kalispell, Mont., said:

"Love Your Trees"

"I, too, used to live in Seattle; love your madrona and dogwood trees, and all the lovely foliage and flowers. . . . Why not start a rug business on a small scale? You say you're tired of just making rugs to keep busy. Why not make rugs for doll houses? You could sell a lot of them, I know."

"I don't know what I'll do," said Mrs. Russell, "but these letters have made me see there is plenty to be done for people."

'SMACK LABOR' BILLS ARE HIT

Coming Legislation Said Harmful

NEW YORK — (AP) — James B. Carey, secretary of the CIO, said that rights of labor are "under attack in the most serious way" and urged "fair play" for labor to achieve maximum defense production.

He asserted that "smack-labor" bills in Congress and state legislatures "threaten everybody, not just labor alone."

In an address prepared for a national conference on labor's rights and the defense program sponsored by the National Lawyer's Guild, he added that the rights of labor, particularly "the full, unobstructed rights to organize themselves," are "being attacked through new proposals for legislation; they are being attacked through neglect of duty on the part of agencies charged with the enforcement of laws" and more and more they are being attacked in wholly illegal ways."

He said the situation "becomes most acute, of course, in the shape of the right to strike."

NEW LAW FOR TRUCKS ASKED

May Exempt Private Motor Carriers

AUSTIN—(AP)—An intensive effort to exempt privately owned and operated trucks from regulation of the Railroad Commission under the motor carrier law will be made during the next session of the legislature, officials of the Private Truck Owers Association announced here.

"More than 300,000 privately-owned trucks, from those used by small farmers to fleets used by business men, are operating outside of the law," said Association Manager Carl C. Hardin. "They are operating under a senate resolution which states it was not the intent of the legislature to include private carriers in the Motor Carrier Act."

Hardin added that copies of a proposed bill which will be one of the first filed when the lawmakers convene in January were being mailed to legislators and civic, farm and business leaders over the state.

LEADER WAS STRONG NAZI

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France that the "resignation" of Laval was essential for reasons of interior policy, for the country's unity, and went on:

"I remain at the helm! The National Revolution continues!"

The best available diplomatic opinion saw behind the ouster a growing distrust by both Petain and General Maxime Weygand, the powerful supreme commander in Africa, for Laval's negotiations with Germany. Weygand, it is known, has been afraid France might lose sovereignty over some of her African possessions, and has spoken out against any cession. Behind him is the undefeated French army in Africa.

Official announcements of the changes were read to the press after a day in which France had been cut off from all communication with the outside world.

Berlin, semi-officially, indicated its approval of Flandin's selection.

Saturday night, immediately after the announcement of the one-man purge, new "protection groups," a French version of the German Schutz Staffel, were on guard at strategic points in Vichy.

LAVAL SOUGHT TO FORM OWN DICTATORSHIP

BERN, Switzerland—(AP)—Charges that Pierre Laval plotted to set up a separate government with himself as head and even lead France into war against Britain were behind his dismissal from the Vichy government, authoritative sources declared Saturday night.

Interior Minister Marcel Peyrouton and other ministers, these sources said, accused Laval of scheming to set himself up as leader of an independent regime at Paris and of using his ministerial rank to build up his prestige for war on Britain.

Peyrouton Promoted

The one-man purge which washed Laval out of the Vichy cabinet left Peyrouton, chief of police as well as interior minister, as the strong man under Marshal Petain.

Laval, Friday's "Crown Prince," is said to be a prisoner in his estate, guarded by soldiers and "GP" men—agent of the Groupe de Protection, strong-arm squads built up by Peyrouton and other French leaders who distrusted Laval.

Diplomatic sources said the straw which broke the camel's back of Petain's toleration of his vice-premier and foreign minister was the simple question of who should go to Paris to represent the Vichy government when the remains of Napoleon's son are returned from Germany to the Invalides at Adolf Hitler's order.

Urged Petain To Go

According to these reports, Laval said Petain himself should go. Petain refused, they said, and was backed up by other ministers but that was only an incident following the graver charges against Laval.

Prince Edward Island is the smallest but also the most densely populated province of Canada.

CAMERON DUE AAA PAYMENT

721 Farmers Apply For Soil Checks

HARLINGEN—Cameron county growers are expected to receive a total of $625,000 as their share of government benefit payments of various kinds for participation in soil conservation and crop control practices, according to Jack W. Lowrance, secretary of the Cameron county Agricultural Conservation Association.

Payments totalling $62,604.62 have already been received on 721 applications for soil conservation compliance and a total of $400,000 is expected on the 4,800 applications in this county. Another group of checks is expected to be received early in the week in which event the producers will be notified.

Parity payments totalling $187,181.57 have already been received on 3,999 applications. There are 1,000 small applications still pending which are expected to bring the total parity payments to around $225,000 which with $400,000 in soil conservation payments would make a total of $625,000 for the year's compliance with various programs.

KNUDSEN WANTS BETTER RESULTS

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business leaders talking to the manufacturers and in other meetings this week discussed various proposals for improving factory performance, including:

(1) Longer working hours.

(2) Increasing capacity and utilization of remaining idle plants.

(3) Training of skills for defense industry.

(4) Sub-contracting and regulation of the flow of materials to avoid bottlenecks.

Many who listened to the discussions assumed these proposals singly or in combination would be tried in the new year drive to gear industry to steadily climbing defense spending.

Business On Increase

Capacity or near-capacity operations limited further industrial gains after one of the sharpest autumn upswings on record. Seasonal adjustments partly accounted for an additional rise in the Associated Press index of industrial activity to 119.5 per cent of the 1929-30 level compared with 118.5 the previous week and 112.1 a year ago.

Several announcements of wage-increased and year-end bonuses for factory workers emphasized the rising trend of national income, which some analysts figured might reach the unprecedented figure of $100,000,000,000 annually in the climb of defense spending.

Thriving Christmas trade, especially at industrial centers benefiting from larger factory payrolls and arms spending, was traced to the ascending swing in the country's income.

Xmas Record Falls

Retail trade reports said consumer avidity for merchandise embraced a wide assortment of goods aside from Christmas gifts. The U. S. Commerce Department recently forecast Christmas business this year would shatter previous records.

VALLEY DRAWS WET NORTHER

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Sabine county were isolated, cattle losses and damage to farm lands and country roads mounted. Nearly 100 Negroes, who had returned to their homes after being evacuated two weeks ago, were moved out again and placed under the care of the Red Cross. Meanwhile, farther south the danger of a serious flood in Harris county (Houston) passed as the San Jacinto river fell slowly. A serious flood threat continued along the lower Trinity, out of its banks at places for three weeks. Liberty, center of the flooded area, reported water over roads to the south but feared no further damage unless heavy rains continued.

California Cold

Cold enveloped northern California Saturday as wintry weather chilled the northern states from coast to coast. Sub-zero readings were registered in many communities between the Rockies and Wisconsin, and sub-freezing temperatures were recorded at many points between Illinois and the North Atlantic seaboard.

In California, the mercury dropped to seven above in Susanville and fell to 24 in Sacramento. Severe damage to citrus was reported in Sacramento county. Colorado had 21 below, while at West Yellowstone, Mont., the thermometer column shrivelled to 39 below. Big Springs, Neb., had 28 below, Minneapolis saw six below, and Park Falls, Wis., registered 12 below.

Sen. Gerald P. Nye Is Married In Iowa

IOWA FALLS, Ia. —(AP)— Miss Marguerite Johnson, 32, Rock Island, Ill., high school teacher, and U. S. Senator Gerald P. Nye, 47, of North Dakota, were married in the English Lutheran Church here at 5 p.m. Saturday.

Liner Is Converted

PORTLAND, Ore.—(AP)—The passenger liner City of Norfolk was turner over to the navy here Saturday for conversion into a marine corps transport.

The U. S. Mint executes coins for several foreign governments.

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Old Santa Fe Whoops It Up Despite Jinx Of Friday The Thirteenth As Town Celebrates Picture Premiere

SANTA FE, N. M.—(AP)—Old Santa Fe in fiesta mood swung through a whirl of celebration Saturday for the film, "Santa Fe Trail," its first and Warner Brothers' "last" localized motion picture premiere.

Gay descendants of the conquistadores who founded Santa Fe 300 years ago devoted themselves wholeheartedly to preparations for the premiere at three treatres Saturday night.

Unmindful of a Friday the 13th that gave Hollywood cinema directors the jitters, the old town was wound up for a real party and jinx or no jinx, it was going to have one.

In a swirl of Spanish finery, frontier jerkins, Indian blankets and cowboy regalia, the city and its several thousand guests whooped it up until early morning. Then they quit the first grand ball and snatched at sleep in preparation for the day's fervid pace.

The star of "Santa Fe Trail," Olivia De Havilland, and May Robson, 76-year-old stage and screen actress, were chief victims of the Friday 13th misfortune.

Miss De Havilland was stricken with a "mild" attack of appendicitis while en route here on the 14-car special train that brought film notables and other guests for the premiere. She was "not in serious condition," her physician said, and was flown back to Los Angeles early Saturday.

May Robson, who collapsed in a hotel shortly after the celebration began, was rushed to Albuquerque and was resting there in a hotel. The attending doctor said her heart had been affected by the high altitude. She, too, was not in serious condition.

OBITUARY

H. E. BALLARD

McALLEN—Mrs. D. E. Nall of McAllen, has received word of the death of her brother, H. E. Ballard, at Milwaukee, Wis., last week.

His body was placed in a crypt at Forest Hill Cemetery at Milwaukee until May when it will be forwarded to Jasper, Mo., for interment in the family lot there.

VALLEY WOMAN'S KIN DIES

McALLEN—Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Thornton are in Mount Pleasant where they were called last week by the serious illness of her father, Mr. Stephens, who died Saturday at four a.m. Funeral services will be held at Mount Pleasant. The Thorntons are expected to return here in a week.

MRS. N. P. BETTS

EDINBURG — Funeral services are planned at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Stotler chapel at Mercedes for Mrs. N. P. Betts, 37, wife of the prominent Edinburg business man, who died at her home here Friday morning after a brief illness. Rev. J. W. Mason, pastor of the Edinburg Baptist church, will officiate and interment will be at the La Feria cemetery.

Survivors include the husband; a son, Nyal Dean; a daughter, Sarann; her father, F. F. McGill of Okolona, Miss.; a brother, W. H. McGill of Memphis, Tenn.; and three sisters, Mrs. E. F. Betts of La Feria, Mrs. Paul David of Memphis and Mrs. M. E. Chadick of Los Angeles, Calif.

WILLIAM WHEELER

McALLEN—The body of William Wheeler, who died suddenly Saturday at the municipal hospital, was forwarded Saturdaly night to Boone, Iowa, for interment. Mr. Wheeler had come to McAllen from Iowa only about two months ago Kreidler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

O. D. KIRKLAND, Jr.

McALLEN—Services were held here Saturday morning at the Kreidler chapel for Oscar Denton Kirkland, Jr., 19 months' old, who lost his life in a canal west of the city Friday. Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kirkland of North 18th street, and four sisters, Nellie, Edna, Maurine and Lillian. Interment was at Rose Lawn cemetery.

The child was no kin to Hidalgo County Clerk Oscar D. Kirkland of Edinburg.

MAY NOT TAKE GAME DEVICES

Must Have Evidence Of Their Use

DALLAS—(AP)—In a first ruling on the question by a state appellate court, the Fifth Court of Civil Appeals held unanimously here that gambling devices may not be seized and destroyed by law enforcement officials unless it is shown the devices were being used or exhibited to attract bettors.

Chief Justice Joel R. Bond delivered the opinion as he ordered some 50,000 punch boards, held for more than a year by Dallas officials, returned to their owners.

Admitting that a punch board is a gambling device and fit for no other purpose, Judge Bond said: "The mere fact that the device was found in possession does not authorize confiscation, unless it can be shown it was being used or exhibited in such a manner as to signify the purpose of gaming."

China-Soviet Pact For Arms Reported

NEW YORK —(AP)— The British radio reported Saturday night that China and the Soviet Union have signed an agreement under which China is to sell $100,000,000 worth of tea to the U.S.S.R., "making it possible for the Chinese government to buy war material from Russia which it needs for the war against Japan," CBS recorded the report here.

WPA Is Making Toys

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The WPA said Saturday that some two million toys would be distributed from its workshops to underprivileged children this Christmas.

BOND ISSUE VOTED

PORT ARTHUR, Tex. —(AP)— Port Arthur voters balloted Saturday, three to one, to issue $600,000 in city bonds for a recreational center.

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JOHNSON ACT REPEAL DUE?

May Will Introduce Bill In Congress

PRESTONSBURG, Ky. — (AP) — Chairman May (D-Ky) of the House Military Affairs committee, said Saturday night he would introduce in the forthcoming congress a bill calling for outright repeal of the Johnson act which bars loans to nations in default on debts to the United States.

"England, in effect, is fighting our battle," he said in a statement at his home. "If England should be defeated, it means that we, in reality, would be fighting the battle now shouldered by Great Britain."

May said he had withheld the bill this session because there was no immediate chance for passage.

May said he did not propose direct loans by the government.

"This bill would merely clear the way for those who want to help, not only England, but any other countries friendly to the United States," he said.

Fire Insurance Man Reported Improved

COLEMAN —(AP)— The condition of State Fire Insurance Commissioner Walter Woodward, who is suffering with asthma and bronchial trouble, was slightly improved Saturday.

He was still in an oxygen tent as a precaution against pneumonia. He was able to take nourishment Saturday. Relatives were more optimistic over his condition.

Egypt Burns Cotton In Railway Engines

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Cotton fields are taking over the job of coal mines in keeping steam-up in locomotives of Egyptian railroads.

The substitute of cotton-seed cakes for coal as fuel resulted, says the Bureau of Mines, from the war-caused difficulties of shipping coal into Egyptian ports.

Congratulations

To Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Beachum, Raymondville, on the birth of a daughter, weighing eight and one-half pounds, Saturday at 5:56 p.m. at Valley Baptist Hospital.

HOUSE IS MOVED

SAN JUAN—Mrs. Fred Gallant this week sold the house on her farm to L. C. Mellenbruch, who is moving it to his farm home, known as the San Juan Flower Gardens, on east highway.

FLU SPREADING TO NORTHWEST

California Epidemic Passing Peak

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—A mild form of influenza which reached epidemic proportions in California was spreading through the Pacific Northwest Saturday.

While California reported increasing indications that the epidemic had passed its peak, schools were closed in many sections of Washington and Oregon, and several deaths were reported from complications of the disease.

More than a score of schools were closed in the state of Washington.

Two deaths were reported Friday, Mrs. C. L. Torry, 78, who died at Portland, and Police Patrolman Robert F. Baerman, 51, who succumbed at Seattle from pneumonia which developed from influenza.

WILLKIE FLUNKS 'COLLEGE' EXAM

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scientific polls of opinion all came in for some good natured ribbing but, as always, the high spots were reached with political skits.

The Republican show took the diners to "Suburbia," a semi-mythical kingdom from which lately departed a crusade to rescue the land from the new infideal.

The Gridironers did not overlook the natural provided by the president's play on "Martin, Barton and Fish" in his campaign speeches, and they appeared as a trio to sing of seeking political knowledge but flunking the electoral college.

The dinner ended with a skit called "Reunion in America." Secretary Ickes and Mayor Kelly of Chicago, Senator Norris and Frank Hague, William Allen White and Senator Hiram Johnson, John L. Lewis and Tom Girdler, Mayor LaGuardia and Edward Flynn and Al Smith and Herbert Hoover came in arm in arm, Big business march with little business, followed by the loyal opposition, Aunty Third Term, Uncle Sam and Unity. All sang:

"Sing a Song of Unity at Home."

Landon Backs Martin For Party Chairman

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Alfred M. Landon, Republican presidential nominee in 1936, said Saturday he thought "it would be a very good thing" for Joseph W. Martin, House minority leader, to remain indefinitely as party chairman.

The former Kansas governor said he believed the party "would be greatly benefitted to have the national campaign and congressional activities linked up as they are now."

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10c — 15c — 20c

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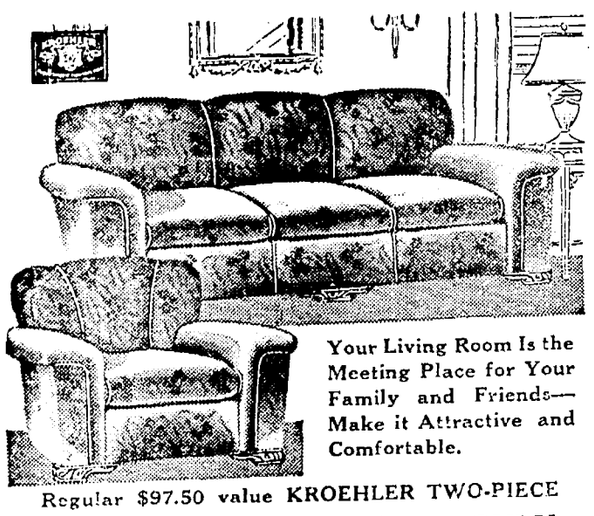
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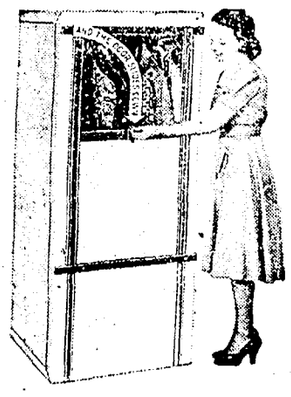
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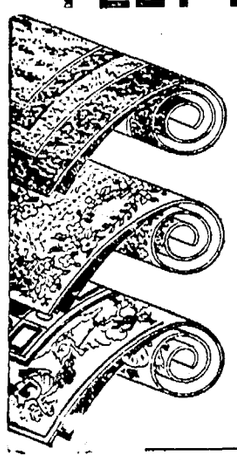


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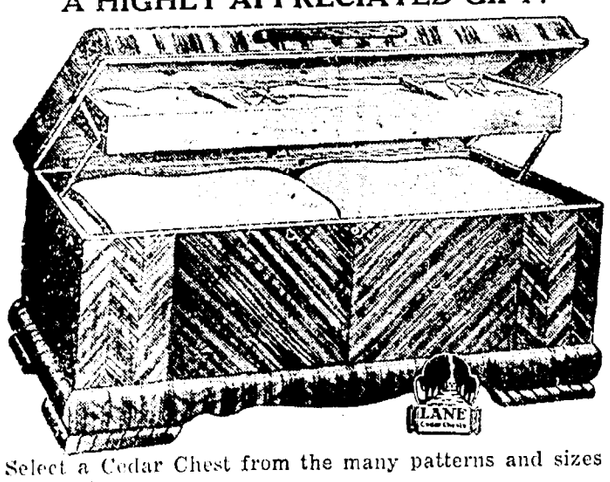
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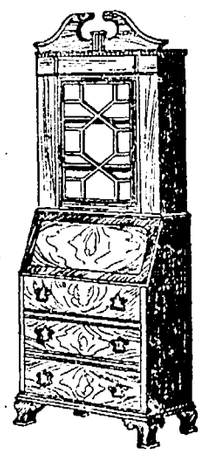
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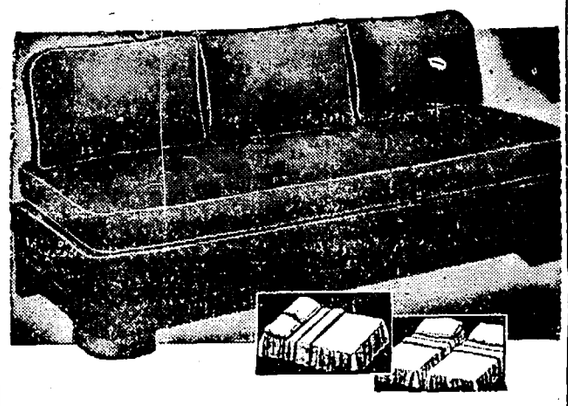
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BUDGET PLAN 50c WEEKLY

A "VALLEY ACE" STUDIO COUCH ADDS A BEDROOM TO YOUR HOME



PREPARE NOW FOR YOUR HOLIDAY GUESTS!

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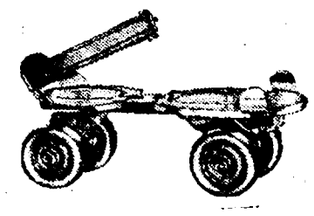
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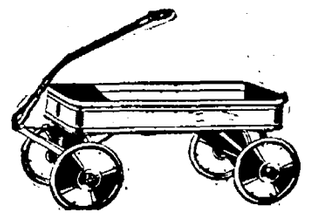
Make a little girl happy with one of these:

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DOLL and BUGGY

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BOYS and GIRLS ENJOY TOYS THEY CAN "RIDE"



Give them one of these all-metal WAGONS.

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BUDGET TERMS 25 CENTS WEEKLY

They'll "Go Places" On One of These!

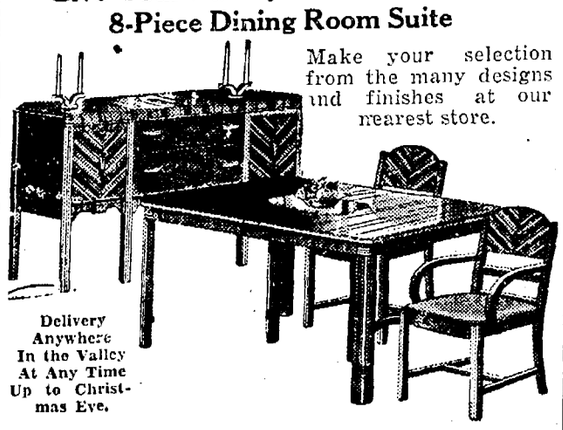
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Give Your Family a Modern Design 8-Piece Dining Room Suite



Make your selection from the many designs and finishes at our nearest store.

Delivery Anywhere In the Valley At Any Time Up to Christmas Eve.

BUY NOW—AND SAVE!

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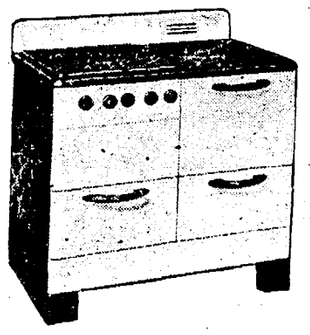
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Special Low Prices on All Gas Ranges During Our Christmas Sale, from

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BUDGET TERMS 50 CENTS WEEKLY

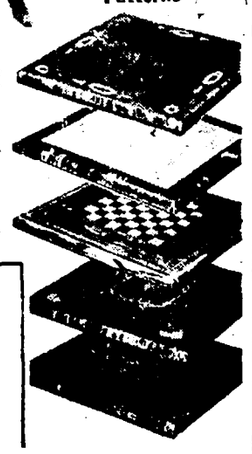
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BUDGET PLAN TERMS— 50 CENTS WEEKLY

PLAYERS SET FOR JARDIN SCHOOL PLAY

Two One-Act Shows On Tuesday Night

BROWNSVILLE — Two one-act plays with student casts will be staged at El Jardin school auditorium at 8 p.m. Tuesday for the benefit of the student council, members of the council have announced.

"The plays are expected to be highly entertaining and the public is invited to attend," it was stated.

Casts for "He Ain't Done Right by Little Nell," directed by Mrs. Ida Hall, includes Mary Elizabeth Baughman as Little Nell; Albert Drumright, Jack Logan; Bill Ford, Hilton Hays; Betty Crow, Granny Perkins; Marie Rone, Lolly Wilkins; Anna Froyd, Vera Carleton; Bill Ostrander, Burkett Carleton.

"Quack! Quack!" directed by Miss Katherine Stephens, will have the following cast: Don Eddie Hockaday and Bobby Hunter as Drs. Slycem and Paine; Robert Ford, Henry; Elaine Loop, Aimee; Dotty Kidder, Mrs. Emaline Gabs; Billy Ostrander, Mr. Gimps; Lois Martin, Miss Katy Katchoo; Anita Mae Loop, Mrs. Tabitha Buzzer; Donald Lawrence, Al Falfa; Betty June Inman, Bridget; Doris Martin, Mrs. O'Leary; Melvin Burlingame, Wumf; G. W. Jackson, Wunkus; Norval Taylor, Pete.

FORT SILL'S FLU ON WANE

1300 Cases Handled At Base Hospital

FORT SILL, Okla.—(AP)—Fort Sill medical authorities said Saturday that 1,300 cases of influenza, 800 of them members of the 45th division, were handled this week at the station hospital.

They added, however, that the disease, while extremely contagious was in a very mild form and not one of the cases was considered serious.

The epidemic hit its peak early this week, but started to decline Thursday.

Private Plane

Injured CCC Boy To Be Flown Home

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The War Department has ordered an army transport plane converted into an air ambulance to take a paralyzed 18-year-old CCC boy from San Francisco, Calif., to a Christmas reunion with his father in Montgomery, Ala.

James Phenix, Jr., the boy, drove a Civilian Conservation Corps truck into a ditch near Blackly, Ore., on May 30 to avoid collision with a private automobile. The truck upset and motorists found James in the wreck with his spinal cord severed. He now is in Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco.

The father, a rural resident near Grady, Ala., asked the CCC to send his boy back to him for a Christmas reunion.

Rail's Flood Break At Gladewater Okay

GLADEWATER —(AP)— Workmen Saturday had sufficiently filled a gorge to allow trains to ease over lines endangered when the side of the roadbed serving as the Lake Devernia dam stuffed off into the marsh.

Slides on the railroad dump were caused from softening of the earth due to rains of the past three weeks.

Swindlers Indicted On Fake Mint Sale

DALLAS—(AP)—Otis Reuben Sanders, 42, and Tom Reynolds, 48, were indicted Saturday on charges of swindling two Anson men of $1,000 through the sale of a device which was supposed to print money.

Tri-City Schools Organize Choir



PHARR—One of the first high school organizations of its kind in South Texas is the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo high school A Cappella choir, pictured above. Not all of the 60 members of the group were available when the photo was taken. They are shown in their royal blue and white robes, and these are to be worn Tuesday night when the choir presents its initial concert at the P-SJ-A school auditorium here under the direction of Ward Timmons.

McAllen Religious Parade Scheduled Monday Night

Twelve Decorated Floats Will Depict Scenes From Bible At Annual Yule Pageant

McALLEN—The annual religious parade arranged by the Business and Professional Business Women's Club will be seen in McAllen at 8:15 p.m. Monday, December 16, the Valley's next and last major celebration of 1940.

Twelve floats depicting scenes from the Bible leading up to the birth of Christ will be decorated by churches in McAllen. Thirteen floats bearing white clad church choir singers and McAllen school glee club members will be interspersed with church floats.

Everything on the program from the time the McAllen high school band starts playing a sacred hymn at 7:15 p.m. until the Christmas carols are sung by the massed choirs and audience in Archer Park is free to all the Valley. Though the stores will be open, under plan of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee, the principal purpose of the stores opening is for Valley people to see the many thousands of Christmas gifts here. The stores will be closed for 30 minutes during the parade.

Following the parade by the band, while playing sacred numbers, they wil give a concert in Archer Park and at 8:15 the religious pageant will move southward on Main street to the Municipal Hospital, thence east to Broadway and north on Broadway to the Chamber of Commerce Building, where it will disband. Police Chief Noah Cannon is cooperating with the B. P. and W. Club by clearing Main street from 8:15 to 8:45.

Motorists are asked not to park their cars on Main street from 8:15 to 8:45, and all visitors are asked to refrain from levity while the parade is passing, as the entire pageant is based on the Bible.

Mrs. Marguerite Robinson, originator of the idea in McAllen is general chairman of the entire pageant for the Business and Professional Women's Club. She is being assisted in the general management by President Dorothea Wilson, and Miss Eva Ellen Miller has charge of the massed choirs and floats carrying the singers, and she is being assisted in the general plan for arranging the floats by Mrs. Edith Klink and Miss Bess Richmond.



Ward Timmons, above, is director of the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo high school A Cappella choir.

FIRE SURETY AGENTS MEET

McAllen Holds First Instruction Work

McALLEN—Fire and casualty insurance agents in the Valley will assemble in McAllen Thursday for the first insurance school of instruction ever held in this section.

The meeting will be held at the Casa de Palmas Hotel with sessions opening at 10 a. m.

The day's session is open to all fire and casualty insurance agents regardless of whether they are members of the regional exchange of the state insurance association, P. D. Moore, president of the McAllen exchange, announced. Local members, however, are in charge of entertainment plans for the event.

About 15 representatives of national companies are expected to attend, Moore said.

Rumania Arresting Reds Within Border

BUCHAREST—(AP)—The arrest of "numerous" Communists, most of them Jews, in Bucharest and other cities throughout Rumania on charges of "circulating leaflets against the public order" was announced by Premier Gen. Ion Antonescu.

Meat Allowance In Britain Is Reduced

LONDON —(AP)— The food ministry announced a reduction in the British meat ration.

Effective Monday, the quantity allowable per week per person will revert to what can be bought for one shilling, 10 pence (36 cents) instead of two shillings, two pence (43 cents) permitted under the temporary increase.

GETS NEW JOB

MISION—Dale Brogdon of Mission has accepted a position with the Lincoln Motor Company of Detroit, according to messages received this week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brogdon.

Spread Of Defense Orders Being Urged

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Announcing that his special senate committee would begin a study of small business problems early in January, Senator Murray (D-Mont) declared that the government should spread its defense orders in an effort to aid little business men and increase employment.

LEGION WILL SHIP CITRUS

Indigent Families To Receive Gifts

McALLEN—Following an annual custom, the McAllen American Legion post again this year is sponsoring a Valley drive to obtain 150 bushels of citrus fruit to forward to indigent families of Legionnaires confined to the hospital at Kerrville.

Local arrangements are in charge of O. K. Rumbel and Bolton Hyde.

At the regular post meeting Friday night here it was voted that the McAllen post would make up any deficit resulting from the drive to assure the 150 bushels being forwarded for Christmas to Kerrville, Commander C. D. Martin said.

The fruit is sent to the families of confined men who otherwise might be overlooked at the holiday season, Martin explained.

Featured on the program at the meeting Friday were dance and song numbers by M. Williams and Jeanett Rucker, amateur McAllen artists.

McAllen Chamber of Commerce Manager Paul T. Vickers made a series of extra brief speeches on subjects suggested by Legionnaires. The program was arranged by L. J. (Shine) Mason with Mike Groom acting as master of ceremonies.

PRACHTS VISIT

EDCOUCH—Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Pracht of Wichita, Kans., are spending some time in the Valley looking after their property interests near La Villa.

YULE PROJECT OFFERS FOOD

Area May Subscribe To New Charity

McALLEN—Lee D. Rowe, chairman of the McAllen Salvation Army board, said Saturday that citizens of McAllen have an opportunity to be Santa Claus this year to 150 poor families.

A survey made by the board and by Captain Ralph Adams of the Army reveals that at least 150 families will have nothing to eat except fat bacon, corn bread and maybe beans for their Christmas dinner, and they will be mighty low on that, unless somebody acts as Santa Claus.

Baskets of good wholesome groceries can be delivered to these people for their Christmas dinner, with some left over for another meal at a total cost of $3 for each basket, the estimate shows. These baskets are to be delivered to the needy families the day before Christmas.

Men and women and clubs of McAllen are invited to be Santa Claus to some family by sending $3 for a basket or less than that amount for part of a basket or more than $3 for several baskets to either Rowe or Capt. Adams or leave it with Gaston Wiley at Chickadee, Texas.

Members of the board and the 20-30 club members will meet at the chamber of commerce building at 9 a.m. next Friday to discuss ways and means to plan further activities toward providing these 150 baskets. In the meantime people with Christmas spirit are asked to volunteer providing baskets by subscribing $3 to the fund.

McAllen Girl Born On Friday The 13th

McALLEN—Virginia Nell Fritz had no qualms about Friday the 13th.

Virginia Nell was born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fritz of McAllen at City Hospital here Friday, December 13, at 6:35 p. m., weighing seven pounds two ounces.

Italians Again Try Saloniki Air Raids

SALONIKI, Greece—(AP)—Italian planes attempted to bomb this area again Saturday after a lull of several weeks but were driven off by Greek pursuit planes.

There were brief alarms both Friday and Saturday but the raiders were unable to approach the city.

Average Living Cost Is Said To Be Same

NEW YORK—(AP)—Living costs of the average wage earner's family were unchanged in November compared with October and were only .5 of one per cent higher than in November, 1939, the national industrial conference board reported.

The board, a private research organization supported mainly by corporations, figured its living cost index at 85.5 per cent of the 1923 level, a rise of 19.2 per cent from the depression low in April, 1933 but a decline of 15.3 per cent from the November, 1929 level.

San Angelo College Chief To Head JC's

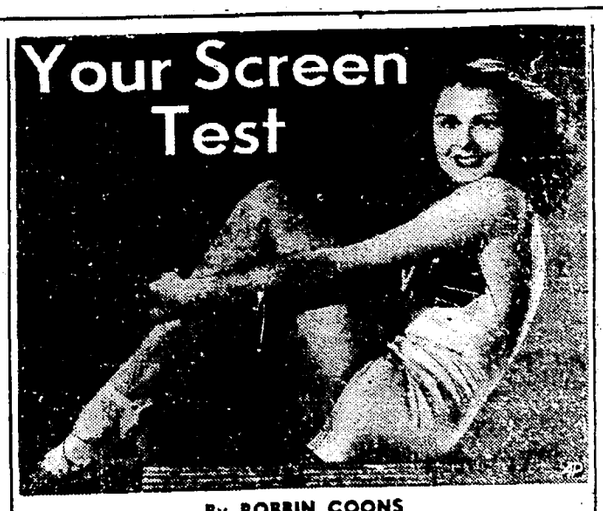
DALLAS—(AP)—Dr. W. H. Elkins, president of San Angelo Junior College, and former University of Texas star athlete, was elected president of the Texas Junior College Athletic Conference Saturday. He succeeds W. B. McDaniel of Weatherford College.

The conference awarded the conference track and field, tennis and golf championships to NTAC. They will be held May 2 and 3.

South's Conference Lists 16th Member

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—(AP)—The Southern Conference elected George Washington University of Washington its 16th member Saturday at the annual meeting here. Membership becomes effective September 1, 1941.

Your Screen Test



By ROBBIN COONS

1. What has the girl in the picture in common, career-wise, with Jane Withers?

2. (a) What famous comic now is producing a film in which he does not appear? (b) Do you recall the title of a famous silent picture produced and directed by another famous comic who likewise, for that occasion, refrained from acting?

3. Nomenclature: (a) What top-flight comedian has the same surname as what top-flight comedienne? (b) What English actress has the same surname as what lanky, "strong, silent man" star? (c) What leading man's first name is the surname of what new leading man? (Both appear in a new color "epic.")

4. Your movie news: (a) What "ideal" movie marriage recently hit the divorce court? (b) What gangling star's number was drawn in the first draft quota? (c) What blonde comedian's?

5. About the new pictures: (a) What lanky hero loses the girl but gets the criminal in what adventure melodrama of the north? (b) What movie combines elements of "It Happened One Night" and "A Farewell to Arms" in a modern European war setting? (c) What movie has a climax built on mistaken identity?

Count 20 points for each question correctly answered. A score of 60 is good, 80 is excellent and 90 or above is colossal.

(Answers on Page 8)

'POSTER WAR' HITS NORWAY

Nazis Set Up Camps As 'Education'

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Scandinavian wireless Saturday night attributed to the newspaper Social Democraten reports the Norwegian government of the Nazi Vidkun Quisling had officially acknowledged the establishment of concentration camps to "educate" masses of arrested Norwegians.

This, it was stated, was "regarded as Quisling's final attempt to show his Nazi master that he is able to force the Norwegians to accept the Nazi yoke.

". . . Nevertheless the distribution and posting of anti-Quisling posters is assuming such proportions that special squads of poster removers are unable to keep pace with the posterers," said the radio.

". . . It is generally believed that if Quisling is ousted the Nazis will abandon the fiction of a national government and declare a protectorate."

Dallas' Air School Moved To Brady On Suggestion Of Army

DALLAS—(AP)—Training of army air corps cadets at the Dallas Aviation School will end soon and the school moved to Brady, Tex., Major Bill Long, president said.

"The army has as good as told me to move the site for training cadets away from Love Field. That's all there is to it," he said.

Long will leave for Brady Monday to consummate a $300,000 investment in a 500-acre tract, that lies two and a half miles east of Brady, on a ten year lease.

Greeks Blasted

Italian Fliers Bomb Line Of Advance

OHRID, Yugoslavia—(AP)—Italian planes heavily bombed Greek positions in Pogradetz and on the northern sector of the Greek advance line in Albania Saturday, causing heavy explosions which border reports said might have been ammunition dumps.

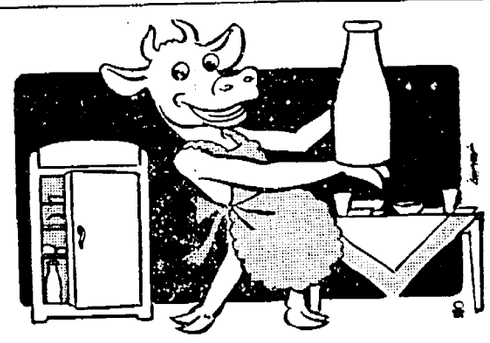
Reports heard in this frontier town said damage was heavy in Pogradetz, which was captured by Greeks November 29.

The Greeks were said to be gaining some local successes in the northern front despite the bombings, and British and Greek planes bombed the Italian supply line on the Pogradetz-Elbasani Road.

Lord Lothian's Body Will Remain In U. S.

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The ashes of Lord Lothian, Britain's wartime ambassador to the United States, will repose indefinitely in a vault in Arlington National Cemetery, on a green Virginia hill sloping gently upward from the Potomac.

The State Department officials said the ashes would remain "for an indefinite period until arrangements can be made for final disposition."



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Billing And Cooing Fills McAllen C. C. Annex As Pigeon Show Opens

McALLEN — The new McAllen Chamber of Commerce annex sounds like a city park in the moonlight these days, with all the billing and cooing going on there.

The softly muted sounds come from the proud throats of 300 Modena pigeons—prized exhibits of about 45 national breeders at the first and largest Modena show ever staged in the United States.

From coast to coast—12 states in fact—the dainty show birds have been shipped into the southland here to be shown at the two-day even whicl opened Sunday at the chamber annex.

It is the first time, too, a showing of highly bred pigeons has ever been held in the Valley. Breeders and sponsors of the show, anxious that the public acquaint itself with their little winged lovelies, have thrown the show open without admission. The birds will be housed at the chamber building until 6 p.m. Sunday. Judging will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday when 60 certificates and four silver trophies in addition to merchandise prizes donated by co-operating McAllen merchants will be distributed.

R. A. Hancock, McAllen, is in charge of local arrangements.

The crowd seeing the display Saturday was amazed at the wide range of colors the pigeons sported. While officially the colors are listed as silver, red, yellow, black, white and so on—there are unusual combinations of two and three colors. The yellow birds are tones of honey beige; the silver birds have fall time tones of green and burgundy in the collars; the whites are the depth of snow tones and the blacks are so black they are almost blue.

A group of breeders is expected to be on hand Sunday. All walks of life are represented among the men whose avocation is raising pigeons. There is an oil man, a ship channel captain, lawyer, doctor, contractor, salesman, policeman and Hidalgo county's sanitarian, Bob Hancock.

All will be on hand Sunday to show visitors the display and answer any questions.

Chamber officials were making tentative plans Saturday to sponsor the show as an annual event here.

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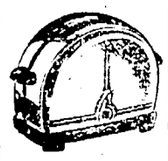
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Radio Training Booms

Scores Of Valley Youths Get Instruction; Stations Are Built Along Border

McALLEN—The war department has called upon 5,000 youths to learn radio communications under America's far-flung national defense program, and scores of those youths will receive their training in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

The government's plan has two purposes: To train youth in technical trades and to build up an army of radio operators to serve this country's armed forces if necessary.

The National Youth Administration has charge of the work and has already inaugurated the program in the Valley.

H. C. Green of McAllen, district supervisor of the NYA, today detailed plans for the project, which ultimately will blanket South Texas with a system of short wave stations available for any emergency.

Amateur stations are to be established at McAllen, Harlingen, Brownsville, Laredo and Kingsville. Portable units will be set up in other cities between Laredo and Brownsville and as far north as Corpus Christi.

Code transmitters operated by NYA students may be installed at Forts MacIntosh, Laredo, Ringgold, Rio Grande City and Brown at Brownsville, Green said.

Two of the amateur stations are already in operation. The McAllen station, W5JEG, situated at the municipal airport, has been on the air for several weeks. W5JEH at Harlingen, located in the new municipal radio building at Fair Park, was completed the other day.

A powerful commercial transmitter also is being built at Harlingen to serve the entire Valley as a police radio which will be available to all law enforcement agencies. A license from the Federal Communications Commission is being awaited before regular broadcasts start.

Ten students are now receiving instruction in radio construction, operation and maintenance at the McAllen airport under Charles Martin of Edinburg Junior College. The youths are taught both code and voice transmission.

Green said night classes probably would start soon to provide training for persons of all ages interested in radio communication. Applications for joining the classes, which are free, may be made with Green at the McAllen NYA office or with Martin at the airport.

The district supervisor has had conversations with the commanders of the three border army posts relative to the code transmitters, but plans have not yet been completely developed. The sets would be installed and operated by NYA youths for army communication. Enlisted men interested in radio also would receive instruction.

"There is a need in the army and navy for trained radio men," Green said. "Those who know code can step into important places in the national defense program."

Gift A Day



HERE'S a Christmas gift, gay as holly berries. It's a cap and muff set of bright red wool to give a festive touch to her plain wool school coat. The cap fits her head as closely as a skull cap in the back and is crowned in front with a circle of yarn pompons.

LEGION POST GIVES PIANO

Flags, Table And FD Picture Asked

BROWNSVILLE—The John Hanson American Legion Post No. 43 has donated a piano to the new Y.M.C.A. recreation center for enlisted men of Fort Brown here, according to Edward Hearne of Melrose, Mass., who is supervising the center.

Hearne asked for donations of Texas and United States flags, large library tables and a picture of President Roosevelt.

Bernie Kowalski has donated a large Christmas tree to the center, and Hearne asked citizens to donate ornaments for the tree. He also issued a request for books for the Y.M.C.A. library.

An electric sign has been erected at the building by the Gateway Sign Co., and the pole on which the sign hangs was donated by George Samano, who also gave an electric clock, some tables and several other articles.

Stationery and advertising cards were donated to the center by Skelton Bros. Printing Co., Bishop Printing Co., and Brownsville Printing Co.

Corporal Martin Rudy, who is on furlough from Fort Brown, is painting the interior of the building with paint donated by neighboring dealers and by the American Legion Auxiliary.

A large Persian print was donated by Gladys Andreas to decorate the walls, Hearne said.

Large numbers of enlisted men are visiting the center nightly to read magazines and books, write letters, and to play various games donated by local businessmen.

Errors Are Left In Charts Of U. S. Navy

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The load imposed on the navy's hydrographic office in producing charts for the expanding navy has resulted in a definite lowering of standards, Capt. G. S. Bryan, chief hydrographer, reported.

"The large increase in the output of charts," Capt. Bryan said in his annual report for the fiscal year 1940, "has been accomplished only at the expense of omitting numerous corrections to them. It has been necessary to concentrate on quantity and to accomplish this, only those corrections important or necessary to proper safety were placed on the charts."

Balanced Budget Is Avila Camacho Aim

MEXICO CITY —(AP)— President Avila Camacho's administration intends to balance outgo with income in the 1941 budget, but will finance major public works with medium term loans, a responsible source reported. No deficit is anticipated.

This source said a large-scale program of dam and irrigation projects, highway construction, improvements to the national railways, seaport developments and defense bases was contemplated.

Two Fliers Killed In Training Plane

SAN ANTONIO—(AP)—The crash of a training plane nine miles south of Comfort in a fog Friday brought death to Lieut. Theodore D. Deweese, Jr., 22, of Cleveland, Tenn., a Kelly Field instructor, and Cadet David W. Davis, 21, of Livingston, Wis.

EVERHARDS HOME

PHARR—Mr. and Mrs. Clay Everhard have returned from Sarcoxie, Mo., where they attended the funeral of Mr. Everhard's mother who passed away at her home in Arriba, Colorado.

QUOTA CREDIT IS DEFERRED

Army Count Finished Some Time In '41

HARLINGEN—Draft boards in all probability will not receive credit until next year for men already in the National Guard and other branches of the service when the selective service act was passed, it was learned here this week.

Various communities are to receive credit for enlistments in various branches of the service prior to passage of the compulsory training law but information received here indicates that a long time will be required because the War Department is preparing to take the count by individual questionnaires of all men in the armed forces. This will enable officials to determine the exact number from each county and in what draft board area they resided prior to volunteering.

In determining Texas' quota of 33,000 men up to June, 1941, the War Department estimated the number of the previous enlistments, basing their figures on records by states.

Quota 105,000

By population, Texas has been assigned a general quota of 105,000 btu from this figure were subtracted 11,600 National Guardsmen, and 61,000 men in the army, navy and marines.

Texas' first call of 1,573 was based entirely upon the proportional number of registrants in each local board area since the credits for volunteers was not available by counties.

"Debit and Credit"

When the War Department completes its individual counting of men in the armed forces, the list will be forwarded by state headquarters to local boards which will then set up a "debit and credit" system.

In the system, local boards will not only credit their areas with men enlisted prior to registration but also current registrant-volunteers.

W. B. King Augments AP's Balkans Staff

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—(AP)—Headed for Budapest to augment the Associated Press staff in the Balkans, William B. King, former South Carolina newspaperman, sailed Saturday aboard the American export liner Exeter.

King formerly was capital correspondent for the AP at Columbia, S. C., whence was transferred to the New York cable department last November.

Million Dollar Fire Guts Defense Plant

HOBOKEN, N. J.—(AP)—Fire early Saturday destroyed the plant of the Condensor Service and Engineering Corp., active in national defense orders, with a loss estimated by the company spokesman at $1,000,000. One man was killed.

The dead man was tentatively identified as George Jacobs of Jersey City, night watchman.

Three Sisters Marry Soldiers Same Week

LEXINGTON, S. C.—(AP)—Three sisters—aged 15, 17, 18—were married here this week, each to a soldier stationed at Fort Jackson.

Each soldier hails from New England. The licenses were issued on the 26th wedding anniversary of the sisters' parents.

Latin Accord

Argentina, Uruguay Pair On Defense

COLONIA, Uruguay —(AP)— The Argentine and Uruguayan foreign ministers signed a joint declaration here Saturday night advocating cooperation between their countries in preparing for any defense of the Americas against outside aggression.

Argentina, which has been aloof from defense consultations, evidently is ready now to join her neighbors in discussing "continental defense" needs.

GOP Head Cuts Ties With Willkie Clubs

NEW YORK —(AP)— Wendell L. Willkie sent word Saturday to the Associated Willkie Clubs of America that any future course adopted by the campaign organization should "very clearly be entirely free" of his political fortunes or those of any other man.

The former Republican presidential nominee sent his message through Oren Root, Jr., president of the Associated Willkie Clubs, meeting in a national conference called to map a general program of political action. Willkie himself expected to address the conference Sunday.

Military Data Said Stolen From Files

HAVANA, Cuba — (AP) — The United States embassy announced Saturday that the office of its naval attache had been forced "by known persons on the night of Nov. 30."

Rep. Alfredo Nogueira, head of a Cuban congressional committee investigating "fifth column" activities on the island, had said he had information that documents "which may have great military value" had been stolen from the United States naval attache's files.

Request Mexico For Mine Export Policy

MEXICO CITY —(AP)— Mexico's mining interests Saturday were reported urging President Avila Camacho's administration to make a frank declaration of policy with regard to the export of metals to Japan so that the industry might plan for the future.

Because of the European war, Japan is now Mexico's most important customer for lead, iron and mercury, all of which are essential war materials.

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Canadian Fliers Form Foreign Legion Of The Air

By WADE WERNER
AP Feature Service

OTTAWA—Canada gradually is becoming a vast international training-ground for air offensives of the future.

Norwegians, Belgians, Dutchmen, Czechs, Poles and Slovaks are training here.

The fall of France and the air war over Britain hampered air-training in the United Kingdom. It finally was decided to move seven or eight United Kingdom air-training establishments to Canada.

Second Line Of Defense

So RAF centers—potential air bases—are being moved lock, stock and barrel. Ten thousand instructors, students and maintenance personnel gradually are re-establishing their schools on this side of the Atlantic, bringing much of their equipment.

Should Germany succeed in dominating the air over Britain, an important section of the United Kingdom's air strength would be on this side of the Atlantic. The transplanted RAF establishments are entirely independent of the Commonwealth training establishment already in operation as part of the Royal Canadian Air Force.



J. E. Reid, a Detroit (Mich.) student pilot in the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, receives instruction at Windsor, Ont.

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Transplanted Norwegians have their own air-training center at Toronto. In this "Little Norway," men who slipped through the German invader's net are being groomed for eventual participation in the air war against Germany.

Some of the planes they are using were purchased in the United States by the Norwegian government before the invasion. The camp was opened recently by General William Steffens, commander-in-chief of Norwegian armed forces in Canada.

Americans Enlisted

Many Belgians and Dutchmen already have enlisted in the Canadian armed forces. The Canadian government is cooperating with the exiled Dutch and Belgian governments in enforcing conscription of others of military age in Canada.

Plans to incorporate Free French forces have been held up because Canada still has relations with the Vichy government.

Many United States citizens, incidentally, are with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Canned Foods, Like Grapefruit, Tomatoes, Prominent On New Army, Navy Schedules

McALLEN—Canned tomato and grapefruit segments—two of the Valley's processed foods—will appear on the $750,000 daily menu for men called to service in either the army or navy under the national defense program.

And since an "army marches on its stomach," not much has been overlooked to assure enlisted men the kind of food that mother serves at home.

Such is the information F. A. Stare of Columbus, Wis., formerly owner of the Columbus Food Corporation. McAllen canning plant, disclosed while here on a business trip this week. Stare is one of 20 U. S. canners who serve as an advisory board to the purchasing divisions of the two services, faced with the problem of providing tasty, nourishing food for approximately 1,500,000 men—the total expected to be under arms by next June 1.

Eight million cases of canned foods will be consumed by the army and navy during the next year. It is a proven fact, Stare explained, that a man in uniform eats twice as much daily as his civilian brother.

At present Stare is serving with two other canners on a commodity committee, subject to call by the services' purchasing departments, to advise on ways and mean of obtaining such tremendous quantities.

In November the 20 canners met with service officials in an effort to streamline all purchasing so that canners when bidding may deal directly with the government instead of operating through "speculators" who frequently in the past have proven costly for the processers, Stare explained.

The menu for the army and navy—one-half of which comes out of cans—reads like a Child's Restaurant bill of fare. Canned food for the enlisted men and non-commissioned officers, will include pineapples, peaches, pears, salmon, peas, corn, tomatoes, string beans, lima beans and grapefruit segments. The officers' mess fares still better, with canned grapefruit, pineapple and tomato juice available to them at commissaries.

There will be no pork and beans—bane of the last war—Stare said. Pork and beans when part of the bill of fare will be baked from raw materials at the time of mess.

Stare left Wednesday night to return to his home in Wisconsin.

LUNCH SLATED FOR NEWSMEN

Highway Celebration Group In McAllen

McALLEN—The McAllen Chamber of Commerce will be hosts to newspaper men from outside the Valley who live on the Hug-the-Coast highway, and ranking state highway officials, at a luncheon at the Casa de Palmas Hotel here at noon Wednesday.

A bus load of newspaper men gathered from Orange to Raymondville will attend the Hug-the-Coast highway formal opening Tuesday. This phase of the celebration is in charge of Nat Wetzel pioneer road enthusiast of the Valley. Two or three highway engineers from Mexico may be included in the group.

The visitors will be shown through the McAllen Citrus Association packing plant and will visit the St. Clair Canning plant following the luncheon.

McAllen people or Valley people who wish to attend the luncheon in honor of the visiting newspaper men and highway officials may secure a ticket by registering with the McAllen Chamber of Commerce any time before 10 a.m. December 18. Tickets for all Valley people will be fifty cents.

American Mail From East Said Censored

SHANGHAI—(AP)—British censorship of American mail bound for Far Eastern destinations was disclosed with the arrival of a Canadian liner carrying mail stamped opened and read by censor."

Boy Hitch Hikes To Rose Bowl; Arrested

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Bent on attending the Stanford-Nebraska Rose Bowl football game, 16-year-old Homer Lundquist of Aurora, Neb., hitch-hiked here only to fall into custody of juvenile authorities because he was a minor and "broke."

The youth told Juvenile Officer Ray Lemon that he started from his family's 200-acre farm December 7 with $2. He arrived here with only 7 cents but had good luck in catching rides, he said.

He will be a guest of the city pending word or money from his family—or maybe some Nebraska alumnus here.

Guard Is Lauded

Valley Unit 'Tops' To Sen. Kelley

SAN BENITO—"The Company M boys have the nicest National Guard setup I've seen, and I have visited several," Senator Rogers Kelley said here Saturday night after he had been the guest at lunch of the National Guard company in camp here.

"The boys are well fed and well clothed," Kelley added, "and their morale is high. It is one of the finest companies in the Texas National Guard, and I think Captain Lew Williams has done a marvelous job. The boys all seem to think a lot of him. It's really a Valley company all right. I believe nearly every town here is represented."

Company M received word its members will get to spend Christmas in the Valley. They were to have gone to camp Monday, but received new orders to the effect they will leave about December 27.

Train Hits Auto At Crossing; Three Die

HAZEN, Ark.—(AP)—A father and his two small sons were killed instantly here Saturday when a westbound Rock Island passenger train struck their automobile at a crossing within a block of the railroad station.

The victims were Homer Clark, 40, rice farm worker, and his sons Ray, five, and C. W., two.

CALLED TO NAVY

McALLEN—Otis Wilkins, Valley Pipeline Company welder, has been called to report for duty as a machinist in the United States Navy Yard at Washington, D. C. Wilkins is scheduled to report for duty December 19.

NEW MACHINE FOR HELIUM

Short Cut To Liquid Gas Is Developed

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—(AP)—A Yale University scientist has developed a machine which he said would materially shorten the time and cost of making liquid helium, available in large quantities for experiments in the conductivity of metals.

Cecil T. Lane, assistant professor of physics, said that the increased supply of the liquid gas would also aid in studying its properties.

He explained that if it were possible to produce an alloy superconductive at ordinary temperatures, electrical power could be transported great distances with no waste.

Lane's machine, which he named after Peter Kapitza, the celebrated Russian physicist who invented it, cost $5,000, took three years to build and turns out a quart of liquid helium in two hours at a cost of $5 whereas heretofore the same amount cost $50 and required 24 hours to produce.

The apparatus has eliminated the necessity of using hydrogen, a highly explosive element.

TO SPEND WINTER

COMBES—Mrs. Omar Johnson of Hammond, Ind., will spend the winter with her son, H. O. Johnson, and Mrs. Johnson.

New Technique For Brain Surgery Lessens Time Of Operations, And Reduces Blood Transfusion Cases

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LOS ANGELES— (AP) —A new technique for brain surgery developed here is credited by Dr. Rupert B. Raney with reducing the time of operations and the number of cases requiring blood transfusions.

Speaking before the annual meeting of the Los Angeles Surgical Society, Dr. Raney said brain tumor removals formerly requiring four to five hours could be completed now in 50 minutes to an hour and one-half. He added:

"Under the former method it was advisable to give blood transfusions in approximately nine out of ten cases, whereas now transfusions are indicated in only about one in five."

The procedure involves use of small spring steel clips for holding the edges of the scalp after incision, instead of forceps, he explained.

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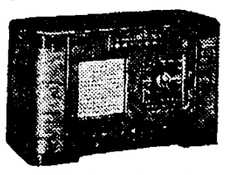


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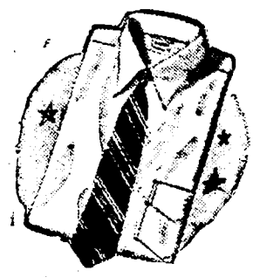


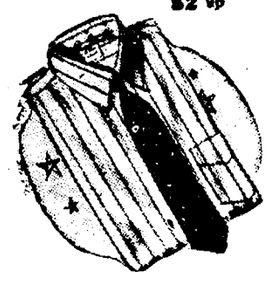
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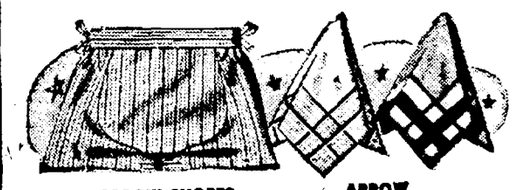




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Cameron County Agricultural Committee Remains Same For Year 1941

CHANGES MADE IN LINEUP OF LOCAL GROUPS

Communities Elect Seven New Men

HARLINGEN — The Cameron county agricultural conservation committee remained unchanged as a result of the annual election held here Saturday at which Mark F. Redford of Harlingen was re-elected chairman, J. R. Adams of La Feria, vice chairman; and Wilbur Wright of Brownsville, member. Carl L. Kaigler of Rangerville was chosen first alternate and J. P. Ellis of San Benito second alternate.

The county committee was chosen by delegates from the community committees.

Seven changes were made in community committees at elections held Friday night. The new members of community committees are W. F. Street at Brownsville, Carl O. Moore, Clay Mills and R. C. Carey at Harlingen, J. M. Saner at Rio Hondo, Lonie O. Moses at Los Fresnos and M. H. Scaief at San Benito.

Community Committees

Community committees for 1941 will be as follows:

Brownsville, Ferman G. Willis, chairman; Ottis W. Singer, vice chairman; W. F. Street, member; Miguel Fernandez, first alternate; W. L. Lipscomb, second alternate.

Harlingen, C. O. Moore, chairman; Clay Mills, vice chairman; R. C. Carey, member; James Marshall, first alternate; A. D. Perry, second alternate.

La Feria, Albert L. Bauer, chairman; Henry F. Harren, vice chairman; George W. Dewey, member; Royall H. Caldwell, first alternate; Lawrence R. Murphy, second alternate.

Rio Hondo, Emil A. Wick, chairman; J. M. Saner, vice chairman; Claude L. Day, member; Chester Grantham, first alternate; Curtis Kerr, second alternate.

Lupton Is Chairman

Los Fresnos, Harry M. Lupton, chairman; John F. Casey, vice chairman; Lonie O. Moses, member; Joe Frankle, first alternate; Ed Brown, second alternate.

San Benito, Carl L. Kaigler, chairman; Martin H. Scaief, vice chairman; Claude Shafer, member; J. C. Adair, first alternate; Ernest Long, second alternate.

Santa Rosa, George A. Eubanks, chairman; Homer W. White, vice chairman; Benjamin B. Ledbetter, member; Ira R. Elswick, first alternate and Murray Godfrey, second alternate.

Ladies Feted

McAllen Lions Stage Christmas Program

McALLEN—Seventy-five couples attended the annual Lions club Christmas ladies' night dinner meeting at the Casa de Palmas Hotel Friday.

With W. W. Dees as toastmaster, an amusing program was presented, arranged by Jack Wilson, talltwister, and Mrs. Faye Jones, club piano accompanist.

During a mock trial conducted by Bill Nolen and Arthur Lee Hart each man present was fined small sums on trumped up charges. Proceeds were turned over to the Salvation Army's Christmas basket fund.

Miss Dorothy Mae Murray played solos on the viola harp, flute and piccolo with Mrs. Jones as organ accompanist; the McAllen high school mixed chorus, directed by Mrs. Lester Barnum, sang a group of special numbers from a Christmas cantata.

Probers Challenged In Louisiana Graft

SPRINGVILLE, La.—(AP)—The constitutionality of the Louisiana Crime Commission, which has $500,000 to use in pursuing graft and recovering any monies it deems due the state, was challenged in the district court Friday.

The legal action was taken by George M. Wallace, as attorney for Dewey E. Rushing, resigned treasurer of Livingston parish, against whom the commission brought suit three weeks ago seeking to recover more than $70,000. Rushing resigned as treasurer November 1.

Methodist Church To Honor Visitors

McALLEN—The regular monthly "winter visitors' night" will be observed Sunday night at the services at the First Methodist Church at 7:30 o'clock.

Monthly the services on the third Sunday night are dedicated to the city's visitors, Rev. F. H. Hamner, pastor, explained. Roll call of visitors is taken to determine which state has the greatest number of representatives listed.

This week the program will be presented by the Methodist Church choir.

Counter Attack By Italians Is Claimed

ROME — (AP) — Italian counter-attacks along the Egyptian-Libyan frontier have lightened the pressure of the British drive westward the Italian high command declared.

Six Gloster (British) fighter planes were shot down in air fights in which the Italians lost no planes although some returned to their bases with some of the crew members killed and wounded, a communique said.

Golden Gate Bridge Is Tarnished By More Than A Score Of Suicides

By SAM JACKSON
AP Feature Service Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The great bridge across the Golden Gate, a $33,000,000 engineering marvel with the greatest single span in the world, is acquiring a grim secondary reputation—that of a suicide bridge.

Since the bridge opened in 1937 there have been 23 known leaps to oblivion. The state highway patrol estimates that there have been at least as many more which went undetected.

The famous Colorado street bridge at Pasadena, Calif., counted 79 suicides before a protective fence was erected in 1937. Since then only three persons have been able to make the plunge.

An Editor Died There

Suicides during the brief career of the Golden Gate ridge have included those of a wealthy newspaper editor, a woman globe trotter, a prominent educator and a retired army colonel.

Automobiles are not allowed to stop on the mile-long span even for sightseeing. Not infrequently a parked car has attracted patrolmen who either by persuasion or quick physical action could prevent the leap.

Pedestrians are allowed on the bridge, and on week-ends are numerous. This handicaps safety efforts, since the walk is guarded only by a waist-high railing. On many days heavy fog shrouds the bridge.

One woman declined to pay her pedestrian toll of five cents on the ground that she was not going clear across, that she was going to leap off. She was detained for mental examination.

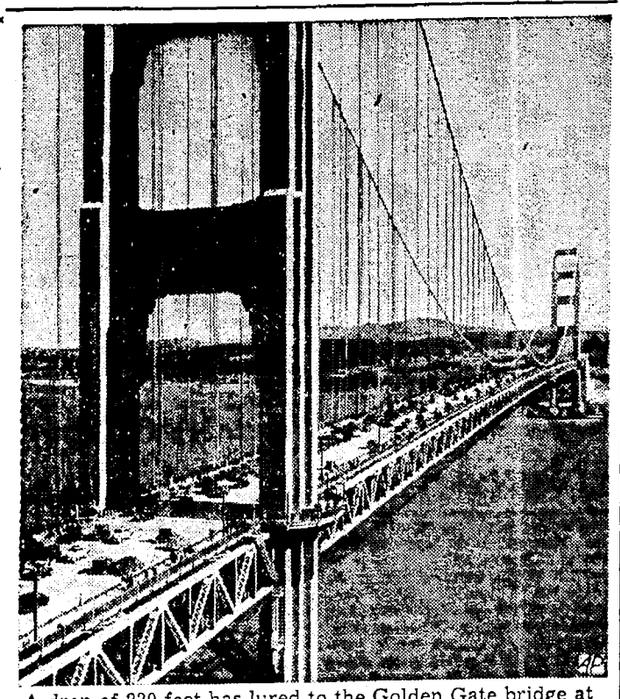
The drop from the center of the bridge to the Golden Gate waters below is 220 feet. Physicians say a jumper is killed instantly by the impact—that he does not drown.

Coast Guard Seeks Bodies

The force of such a fall was illustrated when Ray Woods jumped from the slightly lower San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge in 1937 as a stunt. Though a professional high diver, and protected by helmet and girdl , Woods broke his back and was pulled unconscious from the waters.

The coast guard searches for bodies of Golden Gate suicides but in many cases the tide carries them out to sea.

Numerous perosns have left instructions that their bodies be cremated and the ashes strewn from the bridge. The police will cooperate in this.



A drop of 220 feet has lured to the Golden Gate bridge at least 23 persons who could not wait for death. The impact kills them; they do not drown.

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King, Queen Comfort Homeless After Bombings, Writes English Friend To Mercedes Resident; Many Are Killed

MERCEDES — The king and queen visit scenes of German air raids and comfort the survivors, says a letter from England received here by Mrs. D. Karst this week.

Text of the letter follows:

My Dear Nellie:

Just a few lines to you hoping they will find you and your husband quite well as I am glad to say we are safe and well at present. We are sending you a small gift for Christmas and we hope you will have a nice time. I'm afraid it will be a very sad Christmas for a great many people here in the old country for there are so many that have lost dear ones through this awful war. Our native town has been bombed twice since I wrote to you last. You know the town I mean but of course I can't mention names.

Body Found Days Later

Two people from here were killed. A husband and wife went shopping and her body wasn't found for four days. I expect you remember her as a girl, Flossie Palmer. They live the last house up Ham Hill. They had no childern. A Stoke girl living in the same town lost her boy and some people from a village about one and a half miles from here were blown to pieces. There were three of them, a husband, wife and their little child besides lots of others.

They bombed a lovely city this week up in the Midlands and there's about 1,000 casualties, and the beautiful cathedral is down to the ground. Hospitals, schools and poor peoples' homes. It's too awful for words. I don't know what that dreadful man and his gang ought to be done with.

Our king and queen are just wonderful. They go all over the place to see for themselves the awful damage and speak kind words of comfort and cheer to the people that have lost their homes and their loved ones. The doctors and nurses and other workers are doing splendid work amongst it all.

Don't Go Too Far

I am thankful to say we have escaped so far but one never knows and we are afraid to go far from our village. . . . We don't get a great many to chapel at night because of the blackout and lots of the young men are called up.

We were ever so glad that Mr. Roosevelt got in again as he is a tried man and we know he will do all in his power to help our country. We do hope your sister and nieces in London are still safe and well. . . .

There are lots of evacuees from London in this village . . .

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DORMANT PLANTS

By GEORGE H. PLETCHER, Jr.

TREES and shrubs dropping their leaves in the winter are called dormant and are in the deciduous classification. Plants of this type should be transplanted only during the time they are bare of foliage.

To transplant dormant trees and shrubs, it is not necessary to move a large ball of dirt with the plant, but a few simple rules can be followed with excellent results. First dig the plant leaving as many roots as possible, then be very careful that they are kept moist until replanting. Remember it takes only 20 minutes exposure to damage bare roots. To plant a dormant shrub, dig a hole of sufficient size to spread the roots carefully in as near the same position as before digging. Press the soil in firmly and water the plant thoroughly. It is not necessary to keep the plant muddy but moist. Leafing will not start until spring.

Shrubs of this group are crepe myrtle, althea, rosebushes. Trees loosing their leaves are ash, chinaberry, mesquite, retama, willow, mulberry and tallow etc.

The months of dormancy varies according to the temperature. All of the above become dormant here, with the exception of the rosebush of which is listed because the dormant rose bush is so well known, being shipped in from East Texas. Their care in planting is especially important for good results.

Next week—Use of flowers and berries for the Christmas table.

Col. Donovan's Mum Enroute To London

LISBON, Portugal—(AP)—Col. William J. (Wild Bill) Donovan, en route to Europe on a mission that has not been publicly explained, arrived here by airplane late Saturday.

He declined to discuss his trip in any way save to remark:

"I am hoping to go to London."

Among the other passengers was a British diplomatic courier.

Friday 13th Jinx!

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. — (AP) — That Friday the 13th jinx!

When stereotypers of the Albuquerque Journal put the final to bed at midnight, they found they had "lost" one page—page 13!

Christmas Greeting Too Much For Thief

NEBRASKA CITY—(AP)—Claude Kastner advertised in a newspaper:

"I wish a Merry Christmas to the person that stole my coat."

Next day a parcel came through the mails. In it was the missing coat.

Students Of Home-Owned Institution Step Ahead

The joy of being placed in a position of trust and responsibility has come to the following young people who have recently completed their Training of Technical Skill and Business Efficiency in the Harlingen Business College:

Mr. Clare Shafer, San Benito; Miss Nina Ruth Gossett, Lyford; Miss Gloria Pena, La Feria; Mrs. Jean Newell, Harlingen.

A recent check-up finds each one progressing favorably.—Adv.

NEW TOURIST PARTY READY

McAllen Visitors Will Attend Program

McALLEN—Tourists of McAllen and neighboring cities will be guests at a special Christmas program to be presented by the Eva Ellen Miller Studio of Music and the Miller Violin Studio at Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 19. Accordions and violins will play the Christmas airs in special arrangements. The meeting will be the first night affair for tourists this season.

Monday at 9:30 a.m. the advance Spanish club will meet in Legion Hall and at 4 p.m. there will be a conducted tour to Reynosa, returning in time for the band concert at 7:15 and the religious parade at 8:15.

Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. C. E. Kerns will lead the motorcade to Raymondville for the celebration opening the new Kenedy county highway. At 9:30 a.m. the regular Spanish Club will meet in Legion Hall, followed at 11 a.m. by the Spanish Club. At 2 p.m., tourists will meet for games such as contract and auction bridge, pinochle, rummy and Chinese checkers.

Thursday at 7:30 p.m., the Miller Music Studios will entertain tourists at the first night meeting of the season with Christmas music. All tourists and winter visitors are asked to be present for the first roll call of states.

Friday at 9:30 a.m. there will be a meeting of the Spanish Club. At 11 a.m. Roy Johnston, All States Picnic president, has asked for a meeting of all local state presidents so that plans can be made for the All States picnic to be held in February in McAllen. At 2 p.m. the regular game party. At 9 p.m. there will be a dance for the tourists and their friends in the Schwingle Studio on South Broadway.

Nine Injured After Bus Falls 16 Feet

LAS VEGAS, N. M.—(AP)—Nine persons were injured shortly before midnight when a Greyhound bus plunged off a bridge 12 miles west of here on U. S. Highway 85.

The injured were brought to a Las Vegas hospital early Saturday.

Officers said the bus, of the small extra run type, dropped 16 feet into the Tectote Creek when it left the bridge, after averting a collision with an automobile.

LONG-STAPLE COTTON SEEN

Certified Seed Is Now Available Here

SAN BENITO—Some of the best state certified Sea Island cotton seed will be available for growers in this section this season, M. H. Scaief, secretary of the San Benito Gin Association, sponsor of the long-staple variety in the Valley.

The seed which will be distributed to growers here was grown under supervision of the experiment station at the University of Florida and will meet all requirements of the AAA program.

Scaief said Jack Lowrance, secretary of the Cameron County ACA, and members of the committee, had assured him of their co-operation in handling the long-staple this season. Cotton grown from state certified seed will not be required to grade one and one-half inches to be classed long staple provided it is ginned on a roller gin. Cotton not grown from state certified seed must measure one and one-half inches to be exempt from penalties.

The association ginned 70 bales of cotton last season, each weighing 300 to 400 pounds. Average price was 33 cents and some brought better than 34 cents, Scaief said. Experts declared it some of the finest grown. Some of the best yields were on the poorest types of sail that had proved almost unprofitable for growing short staple cotton.

Approximately $8,000 was realized in the San Benito community from the Sea Island last year, Scaief said, on the 70 experimental bales. The association will not handle the seed or cotton for a profit but as a service to interested farmers, the secretary said. Growers are urged to place their orders immediately, with deposits.

Day's Turtle Race Winners Announced

HARLINGEN—Thirteen winners in the turtle races held here Saturday under sponsorship of Day's Drug Store were announced Saturday night by H. E. Day, owner.

Of the many contestants, these received prizes: J. C. Lewis, Arthur Lozano, Donnie Means, Jack Grimm, Thomas Thompson, Mikey Thompson, Peggy Wyrick, Jo Ann Wyrick, Kyler Allison, Douglas Kelly, Clyde Kelly, Dorothy Denson, Dewit Paton.

German Funded Debt Is Said Much Higher

BERLIN—(AP)—The funded debt of the German Reich climbed from 33,600,000,000 marks to 37,700,000,000 marks between June 30 and Sept. 30, the ministry of finance announced.

During the same period the floating debt went from 22,780,000,000 to 28,330,000,000 marks. The ministry said the increase was due to issuance of the fifth and sixth issues of 1940 Reichs treasury 4 per cent bills and an increase in other loans.

Hours For Credit Bureau Extended

McALLEN—The offices of the Retail Merchants Credit Bureau at McAllen will remain open daily until 6 p.m. during the Christmas shopping season.

Mrs. Mary Combs, manager of the bureau, announced Saturday she was offering the service to the city's stores. The office will also be open next Saturday afternoon to assist merchants with credit reports.

St. Nick's 'Chute Drops Him On Roof

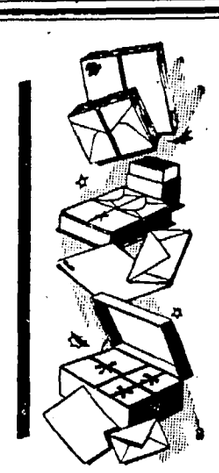
ROCHESTER, N. H. —(AP)— The fire department had to be called out when Santa Claus arrived in this city.

Descending in a parachute from an airplane, the good St. Nick made an unscheduled landing on the roof of a business block. Firemen, cheered by thousands of school children, brought him down over an extension ladder.

PASSES STATE TEST

MERCEDES—Donald Stotler, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Stotler of Mercedes, has received notice from the State Board of Embalming that he has passed the state examination given him by this Board recently.

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Garment Unionist Asks Renewal Of Old Contracts



David Dubinsky at Brownsville

BROWNSVILLE—Renewal of union contracts was the chief item on the mind of David Dubinsky, head of the International Garment Workers' union, as he paused here Saturday between planes at the conclusion of his "longest vacation."

Flying back to New York from Mexico City, Dubinsky said that renewal of contracts for 110,000 workers in eastern garment plants was coming up in February, and that was the major problem before him.

Dubinsky said he had been away from his desk for four weeks attending the AFL convention in New Orleans and attending the inauguration of President Avila Camacho in Mexico City. "That is the longest that I have been away from my work," he said, "and I am anxious to get back into action."

The labor situation in Mexico is caught in the cross-current at this time, Mr. Dubinsky believes, with a conservative administration likely to pull against the strongly pro-labor legislation fostered by the Cardenas administration.

All in all, he believes that the Mexican labor situation is "pretty good," but he expects the new administration to swing "too far to the right."

Dubinsky has led the reform movement in the ranks of AFL and at New Orleans sought to oust "undesirable" elements. He vigorously attacked AFL officials with criminal records and as a result was attacked in a New Orleans hotel. He was not seriously injured.

Dubinksy spoke in San Antonio before the ILTW Saturday afternoon before taking another plane for New York.

His daughter, Jeanne, is remaining in Mexico City for several weeks in continuing her vacation, Mr. Dubinsky said.

TEXAS DEBATE CLINIC ENDS

Three Schools Sweep Honors At Meet

AUSTIN —(AP)— Baylor, Texas Christian and Southern Methodist Universities swept honors in a six-way inter-collegiate debate clinic ended at the University of Texas Saturday.

Best individual speakers on the affirmative were Arthur Norris of T.C.U., first; Jack Shackelford of Baylor, second; and P. D. Williams, Jr., of S.M.U. third. Honors for negative debate went to Rufus Garrett of T.C.U. first; Ben Ramey of S.M.U. second; and Lester Kaminsky and Calvin Mansell, both of Baylor, tied for third.

Subject was on increased resources taxes for Texas. Other competing schools were Kansas, Texas and Wichita Universities.

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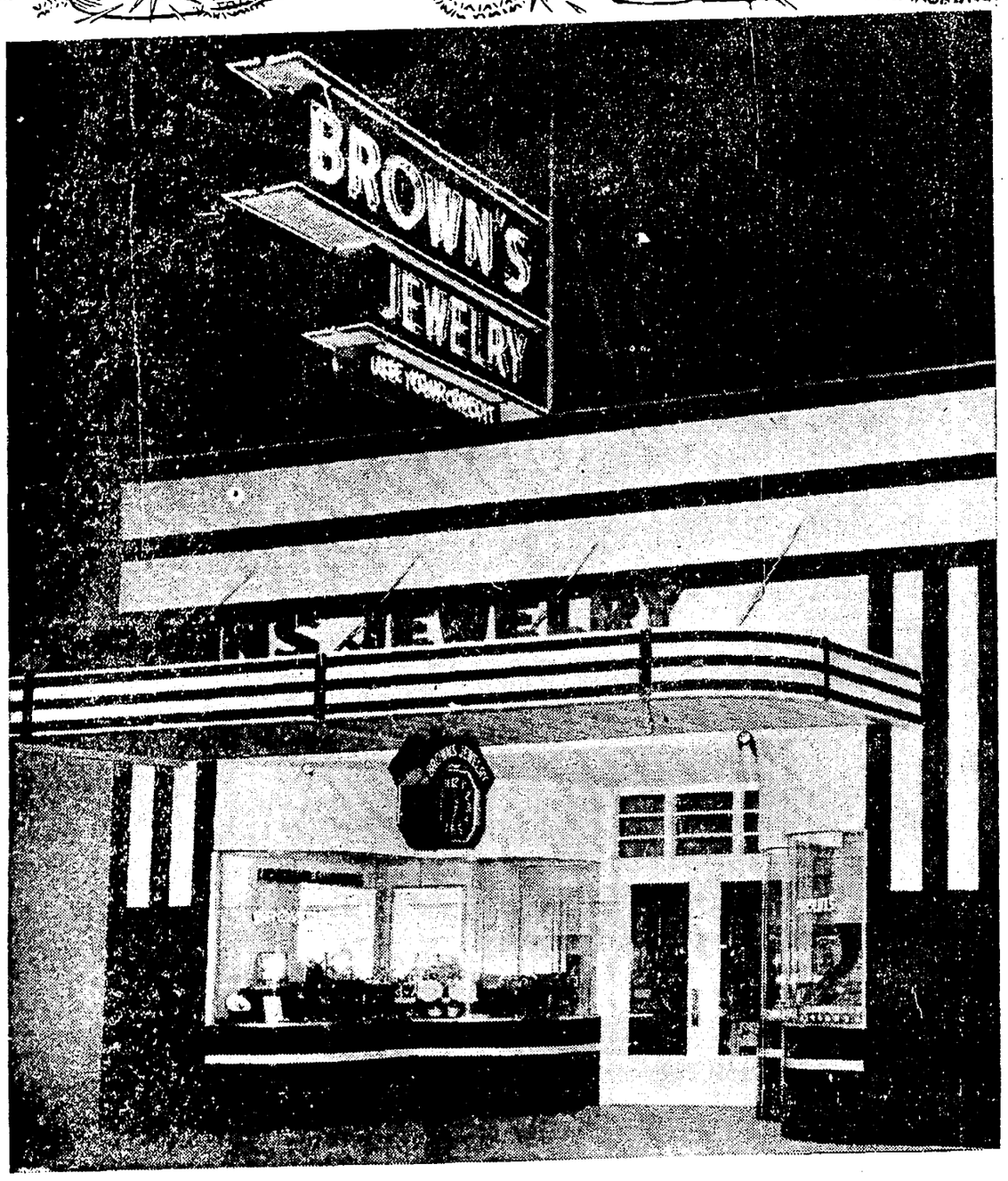
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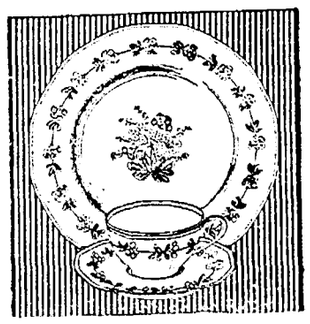
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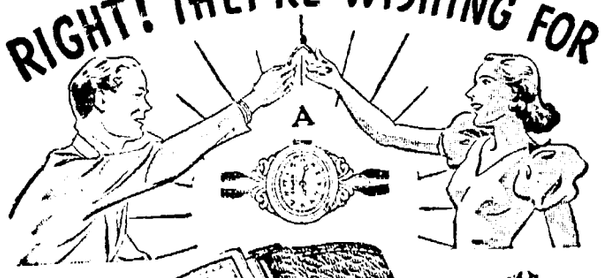
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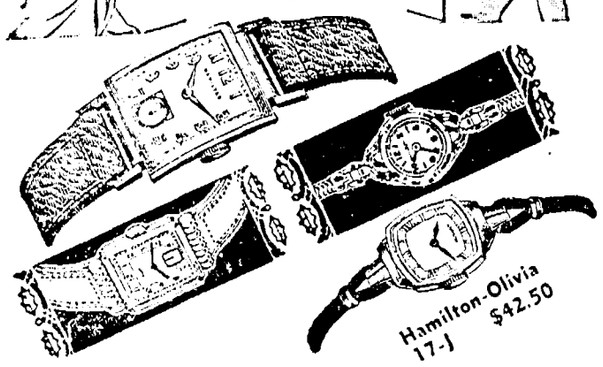
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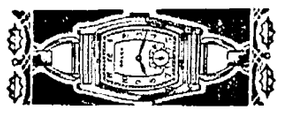






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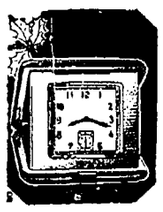
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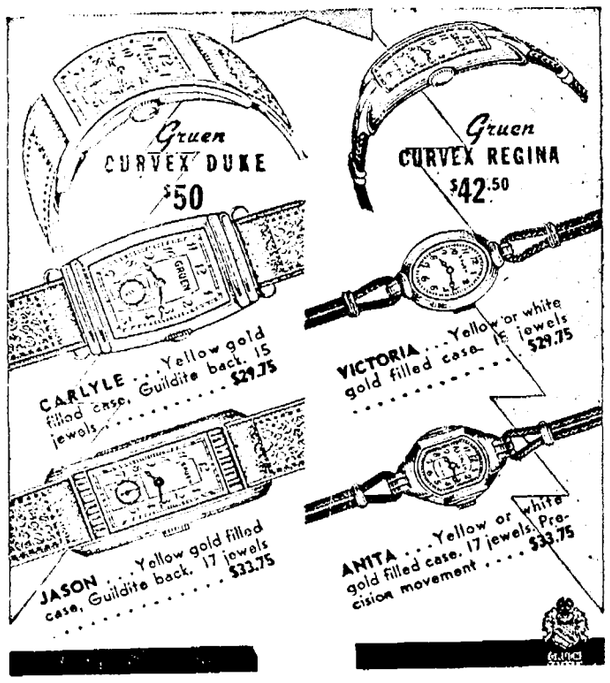
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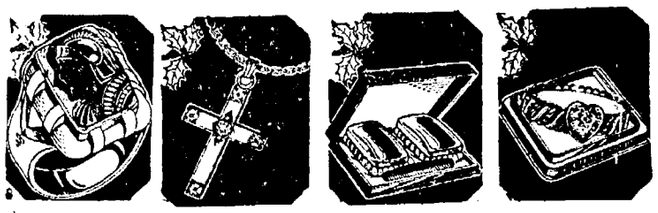
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SOIL CONTOUR WORK STARTS NEAR LA JOYA

Milton West's Farm Being Terraced

EDINBURG — A major contour terracing demonstration has been launched on a 150-acre section of the 700-acre ranch owned by Milton West in western Hidalgo county, J. A. Oswalt, Hidalgo farm agent, said Saturday.

Principal purpose of the work will be to show that such terracing on brush land will not only conserve rainfall but in time will result in the resodding to grass of much pasture land now bare, Oswalt said.

Eighteen contour lines 500 yards in length each, and eight lines 600 yards long, have already been run. A caterpillar tractor and grader owned by the county is being used under the direction of County Commissioner W. H. Douglass. The work is in the nature of an experiment but is more a demonstration, Oswalt said, since earlier experiments have proved that the system will succeed.

Thousands of acres of brush land in the county, the agent declared, could profitably undergo such improvements.

The West ranch, located four miles north of the big red La Joya school on the highway in western Hidalgo, has considerable rolling land, some of it with a grade of as much as four per cent. The new contours are being graded up with a 12-foot base and are 24 inches high.

Farmers or ranchers interested in the West ranch work may see it, Oswalt said, by turning off the main highway at a cattle guard about a quarter of a mile west of the school house and driving straight north about four miles.

One other terracing demonstration of a major nature has already been completed in the county. This is on the Henry Goedrich farm in the McCook district north of Mission. The big field not only has its terraces up but its rows as well, and much of the recent moisture which fell there has been conserved.

Oswalt estimated that, because of the contour of the ranch land on the West project, not more than 10 per cent of a recent five-inch rain in that area was actually conserved on the land and soaked into the soil.

West has agreed to keep his cattle off the demonstration tract for a year's time, thus giving the grass roots sufficient time in which to re-sod the land. After that, the terraces will continue to conserve moisture and keep the tract in good pasture condition.

New Mexico Cold

Sub - Freezing Mists Ice Storm Threat

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—(AP)—Below freezing cold and an icing mist spread over parts of eastern New Mexico Saturday night threatening a repetition of conditions which resulted in a disastrous ice-storm there and in the adjacent Texas Panhandle last month.

From Clayton in the extreme northeast corner to Clovis midway down the eastside, came reports of fog and mist amid icing temperatures. Clovis reported 20 degrees Saturday night.

Icing conditions on highways were blamed for several accidents with minor injuries to 10 persons near Clovis and 14 near Las Vegas and Raton in northern New Mexico.

Houston Man Named Opthalmists Chief

FORT WORTH—(AP)—Dr. E. L. Goer of Houston was elected president and San Antonio was chosen the 1941 meeting place at the close of the fifteenth annual session of the Texas Ophthalmological and Otolaryngological Society here Saturday.

Dr. Burbank Woodson, Temple, was named first vice president and Dr. P. W. Malone, Big Spring, second vice president.

Oil Traffic Halted On Account Of Fire

BUCHAREST, Rumania—(AP)—A communique issued by the Rumanian railroad said all traffic in the oil district between Ploesti and Buzau had either been suspended or rerouted because of the destruction of railroad lines over a bridge as a result of an oil pipeline fire.

The communique said the traffic will be interrupted five or six days.

Japanese Allowed One Towel Yearly

TOKYO—(AP)—Japanese will have to get along on one towel a year, starting in January, under a rationing system decreed by the ministry of commerce, Tokyo newspapers reported.

A ration card system already is in effect for bleached cotton and infants' underwear. Stricter rationing of gauze, absorbent cotton and condensed and powdered milk also is imminent, the press said.

More Men In Arms Means More Arms To Tattoo



F. L. Maranville explains for a fair client some of the equipment in his tattooing shop

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AP Feature Service

SAN FRANCISCO—Defense and conscription promise a boom for one of the oldest of arts—tatooing.

Already F. L. Maranville, who has set up shop near fast-growing Camp Ord, reports business is improving.

Young army recruits reinforce their patriotism by having Old Glory or the American eagle imprinted on their skins for life. Sometimes more tender sentiments rule, and they decide to go to battle—if battle comes—bearing an ornamental tribute to "Mother" or "Sweetheart."

This is all very cheering to Maranville, who takes pride in his profession and regrets that in recent years so many Americans have managed to get along with their skin plain and unadorned.

"The social security law helped some," he relates. "People had their numbers tattooed, and you'll admit that is a very safe and dependable way to keep them."

Tattooing has not changed essentially in centuries except for the invention of the electric needle, which works up and down, pushing ink beneath the skin. A practitioner like Maranville carries stencils of hundreds of designs. If you have some original idea of your own he'll draw it up to order.

Maranville's own back is covered by one of the favorite and most pretentious religious designs, "Rock of Ages."

Maranville finds most men get their first design on an arm, while women clients usually start with a leg.

Barn Not A Nuisance, Judge Rules; Damage Suit Brought Against Stock Raiser Still Remains To Be Tried

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MERCEDES—C. D. Ripley will not be required to move his nice new barn north of here, application of his neighbor, Charles G. Jones, Jr., for an injunction having been denied by Judge W. R. Blalock in 93rd district court at Edinburg, but the question of alleged damages remains to be settled.

Jones filed suit contending that Ripley's barnyard and adjacent premises constituted a nuisance. He asked for a temporary restraining order at the preliminary hearing this week and for a permanent injunction upon trial of the case. Judge Blalock sustained a demurrer to the pleadings, denying the restraining order.

Jones asked for $6,000 damages in the event his plea for relief was denied and the suit for damages remains to be tried on its merits.

Robert E. Kirkpatrick of Mercedes represented the defendants and Kelley and Looney of Edinburg represented the plaintiff.

Ripley recently constructed a concrete floored barn adjacent to the house in which Jones resides and began raising livestock. Ripley himself does not live on the same premises with his barn.

STORE MARKS ANNIVERSARY

McAllen Jeweler Is Valley Leader

McALLEN—Brown's Jewelry is celebrating its second anniversary this Christmas season in its new modernistic store at 117 South Main street.

The first jewelry firm in the Valley to advertise time payments to customers, beginning that practice four years ago, Brown's has increased its stock four-fold during that time.

Today Brown's carries one of the largest—if not the largest—and most complete stocks of nationally advertised watches and fine diamonds in the Valley.

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Brown's buys its diamonds directly from cutters and importers and is able to match stones for rings, earrings and other settings in virtually any size.

The firm also specializes in mountings, carrying a large stock of both gold and platinum mountings, and Brown and two other expert jewelers do all their own mounting. Brown's repair department recently has been enlarged and new equipment added, making it one of the best equipped repair departments south of San Antonio. Among the new equipment is a "Watch Master" testing unit used by watch manufacturers for testing their new watches. This unit, costing $720, is the only one south of San Antonio.

Colorado Storm Toll Increased To Seven

DENVER —(AP)— An automobile crash death increased Colorado's storm and cold fatalities to seven Saturday and a fire caused $10,000 damage at Colorado State College as the Rocky Mountain region experienced its bitterest cold wave of the season.

Slain Tots' Mother Is Adjudged Insane

PRINCETON, Ill.—(AP)—Mrs. Agnes Borg, 35-year-old farm wife whose two children were found shot to death in their home last Sunday, was adjudged insane in the Bureau county court Saturday.

After hearing a medical report, Judge Horace Brown directed that the woman be committed to the state mental hospital.

Western Prince Is Reported Torpedoed

NEW YORK—(AP)—Mackay Radio reported it had intercepted a message from the Portpatrick, Scotland, radio station that the 10,926-ton British liner Western Prince had been torpedoed about 400 miles northwest of the Irish coast at 1:02 a.m., C.S.T.

Oilman At Hereford Succumbs Saturday

HEREFORD—(AP)—T. E. Seigler, 56, prominent oilman and ranchman, died here Saturday. He came here in 1927 from Olney where he still maintained oil interests and also at Wichita Falls. He operated a large Hereford ranch and extensive wheat farms in this area.

GUEST FROM MISSOURI

SAN JUAN — O. V. Wager of Neosho, Missouri, paid a pleasant call at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Thompson Tuesday morning. Mr. Wager arrived Sunday morning and will visit in the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Shull, at Progreso, until next February. This grand old man of 85 years, is as "spry" as the average man at 60. He is a close friend of Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Corbett of Neosho, who are life-long friends of Mrs. Thompson.

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5. (a) Gary Cooper in "North West Mounted Police." (b) "Arise My Love." (c) In "The Great Dictator" Chaplin's barber is mistaken for Chaplin's dictator and thus is permitted to make a speech.

TEACHERS ARE BOUND BY LAW

Like Pupils, Should Salute Flag

AUSTIN—(AP)—Attorney General Gerald C. Mann said in an opinion Saturday the board of trustees can discharge a public school teacher for refusal to salute or have proper reverence for the flag.

He cited a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States which held that the Minersville school district of Pennsylvania, could require pupils to engage in patriotic exercises and to enforce participation by expulsion for non-compliance.

"It is unthinkable that the courts would sustain such a rule or regulation as to the school children and deny its enforcement as to the teacher," Mann added.

Teachers Are Bound

His opinion was sought by the state education department which submitted a copy of a teacher contract made by the Amarillo independent school district. Mann declared the contract bound the teacher to observe all rules and regulations of the board of trustees and the board was given full management and control of the school district by the legislature in 1909.

As long as the rules are adopted and promulgated properly the board can require a teacher to salute the flag and may also exclude from school pupils who refuse to salute it, he said.

Citrus Shipped

Waco Orphans Home Gets Fruit

McALLEN—A total of 1,100 bushels of citrus fruit was forwarded to the Methodist Orphans Home at Waco by the Valley's Methodist churches last week, Rev. F. H. Hamner, pastor of the local church, announced Saturday.

All Valley churches were represented in the shipment. One freight carload was shipped with two truck loads, Rev Hamner said.

The fruit is sent annually at Christmas to the church home.

Army Standing Firm As Hillman Vetoes Contracts For Ford

WASHINGTON —(AP)— A protest by Sidney Hillman, labor member of the defense commission, failed Saturday to produce signs that the war department would withhold contracts with the Ford Motor Company involving about $2,000,000.

On the contrary, authoritative predictions were forthcoming that the contracts would be signed, possibly next week, regardless of the lack of stipulations that the Ford Company should comply with all federal labor laws and a controversy stirred by disclosure of Hillman's protest.

Sermons At Baptist Services Announced

HARLINGEN—Rev. E. Douglas Carver, pastor of the First Baptist church here, will preach on "Christ Or Chaos," at the Sunday morning service. Prelude will be "Temple Prelude," Dekrali; offertory will be "Cantabile e Mesto," Haydn, and the anthem, "That Glorious Christmas Morn," Price.

At the evening service Reverend Carver will use as his text "Sitting Down They Watched Him There." Music will include the prelude, "Pastorale," the offertory by Grieg, and the anthem, "A Christmas Carol."

Kingsville Dean Is Head Of Alamo Loop

DALLAS—(AP)—Dean L. J. Smith of Texas A. and I. College, Kingsville, Saturday was elected president of the Alamo Conference.

Dr. D. A. Shirley, dean at West Texas State, was named vice president.

Texas A. and I. asked to hold the tennis and golf championships at Kingsville in May but final action was deferred.



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Valley Fruit Gets Good Publicity



Fruit donated by Valley citrus shippers and canners was used effectively by J. E. McDonald, state commissioner of agriculture, and others at the twenty-third annual session of the National Association of Commissioners and Secretaries of Agriculture held re ntly at New Orleans. In addition to displays of citrus in lobby of the convention hotel, each commissioner received an attractive sack of Texas citrus and canned juice. Texas pink grapefruit also was served at the banquet. Texas people at the convention and shown above included Hart T. Longino, Harlingen, supervisor Texas-Federal Inspection Service; Mrs. Hart T. Longino; Mrs. J. E. McDonald; J. E. McDonald; Stanley B. Crockett, Harlingen; Mrs. Stanley B. Crockett; Jerry Mallory, Harlingen, and Wayne Fletcher, McAllen.

FLYERS MUST KNOW SPANISH

Air Corps Students Study Language

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—(AP)—Col. Floyd E. Galloway, commandant, has ordered every air corps officer at the Southeast Advance Flying School to enroll in Spanish classes.

Col. Galloway said classes would be continued until students become sufficiently proficient "to make themselves understood and to understand ordinary conversational Spanish."

Increasing relations with Spanish speaking nations have made it desirable, military authorities said, for air corps officers to master rudiments of the language.

Danish Children To Be Fed With Carrots

BERLIN—(AP)—DNB, official German news agency, reported Danish school children will be fed 4,000 tons of carrots to replace vitamins unobtainable because of the shortage of butter, oleomargarine and cod liver oil.

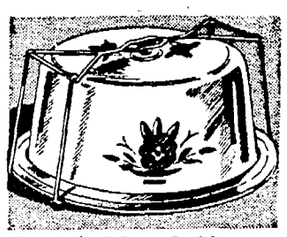
LEAVE FOR HOLIDAYS

PHARR—Wiley Slayton has gone to Neilsville, Wisconsin, to join his wife who has been visiting her mother there for several weeks. They will spend the holidays there.

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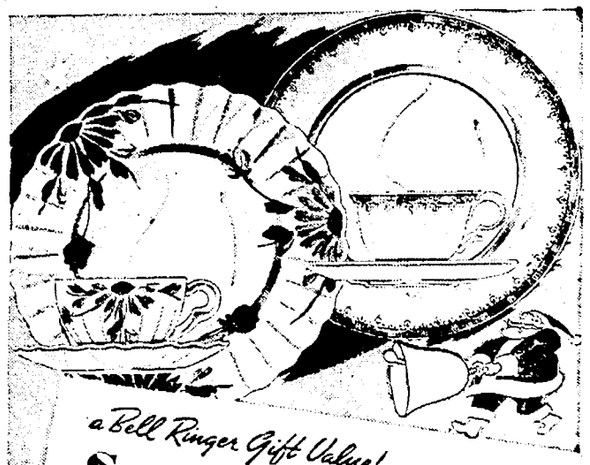
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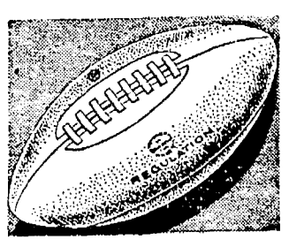
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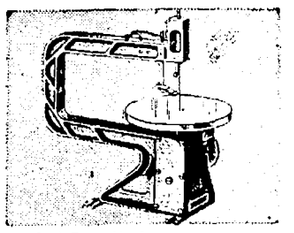
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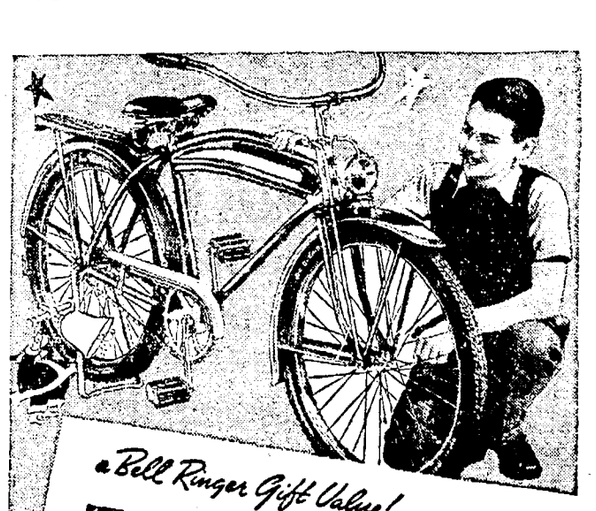
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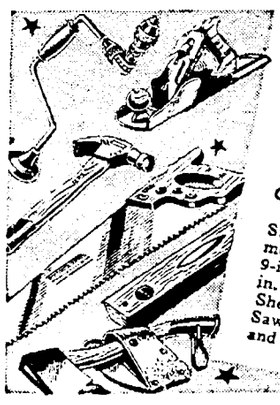
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DIAMOND LOOP OF LONG AGO NOW FINISHED

Hug-Coast Highway Is Final Link

RAYMONDVILLE—When Raymondville's big Road Opening Celebration is staged on December 17, it will mean the completion of not one, but two long sought highways for South Texas.

True, most people who come to the celebration from upstate points will think of the fete as observing completion of the Hug-The-Coast Highway and its famous last link, the Kenedy County Road. To many the chief significance of the Kenedy road completion will be the shortening of motoring distances between the Lower Rio Grande Valley and such points as Houston, Corpus Christi, Galveston, Orange, and such other cities as San Antonio and Austin.

But to Valley and Southwest Texas folks it will mean also the completion of another roadway which has been a goal of highway workers for the past 27 years. It will mean the old "Diamond Loop" highway has at last become a reality.

Still See Emblem

On December 17 in Raymondville numerous cars will be seen on the streets bearing the Diamond Loop emblem, which former members and boosters for the Diamond Loop Highway Association will have dug out of their attics and old trunks to put on their cars in celebration of the completion of this highway.

The Diamond Loop, as originally laid out, extends from the Valley to Corpus Christi, then to San Antonio, to Laredo and back to the Valley. Late in 1913, J. A. Graham, county commissioner of Cameron county, living in San Benito, proposed a highway from the Valley to Laredo along the Rio Grande river, then to San Antonio, with the idea in mind of attracting tourists to these scenic portions of Texas.

A year later, Mr. Graham made a trip over the proposed route to Laredo and on to San Antonio, and then recommended to the Texas Good Roads Association that a Loop Highway be built and be called the Diamond Loop Highway of Texas. Then on December 10 of that year, John W. Warren, president, and D. C. Colp, secretary, of the association approved the plan and promised to help organize such an organization and build the proposed highway. In the same week the Cameron county commissioners court approved the plan.

Conrad Laid Route

Verne L. Conrad, Brownsville engineer, laid out a route from the Valley to Corpus Christi through the sandhills of Kenedy County, this being six years before Willacy county was formed. Conrad selected a route nearly in the same location as that over which the Hug-The-Coast Highway link has been constructed.

Two of the men to whom the opening of the two highways will mean much are E. W. Archer of Lyford and Nat Wetzel of Raymondville, men who not only have worked for many years on the Diamond Loop and Hug-The-Coast highways, but who have been enthusiasts for all good roads campaigns for the Valley.

There must be considerable satisfaction for Mr. Archer in having these two long awaited roads completed. For, many years ago he made a one-man stand in Brownsville for concrete roads in place of gravel roads, that set the concrete pattern for roads in the Valley section. His spirited stand for concrete, made in the presence of many who advocated the cheaper gravel roads, made such a tremendous hit with all his listeners, that he was asked to incorporate the substance of his speech in a resolution favoring concrete. The resolution carried, and Cameron's first paving became concrete. Cameron County Judge Oscar Dancy has kept them concrete.

Nat Wetzel Leader

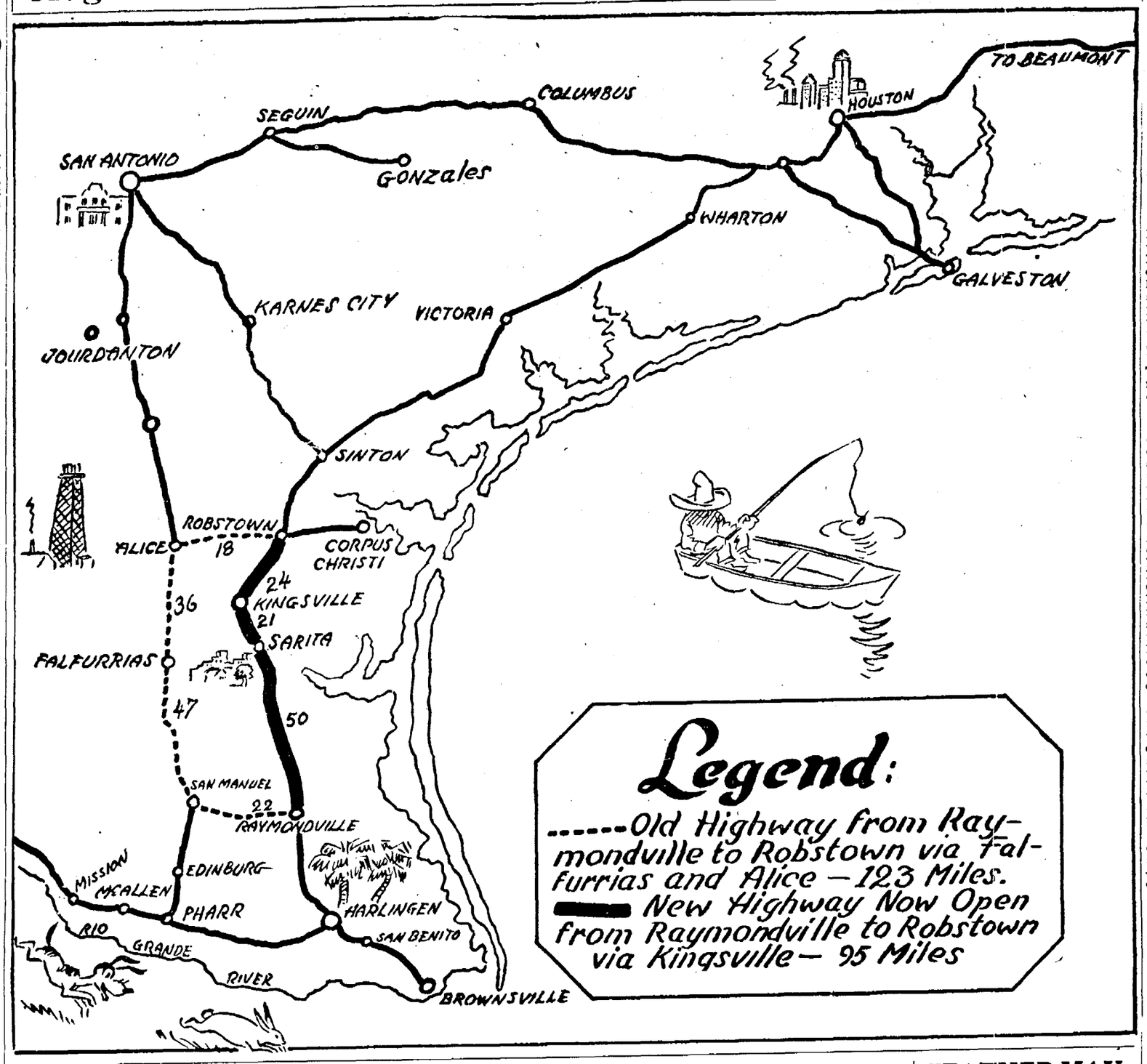
Later, when Willacy county was formed, Mr. Archer, whose home town was included in the new county, organized a committee to push for concrete roads in Willacy county. Nat Wetzel was elected president, with other members being Mr. Archer, C. E. Boner of Raymondville, Conrad Bostrom of Lyford and Karl Duddlesten of Sebastian, now of Raymondville.

This committee worked for good roads until a concrete road running from Raymondville north eight miles to the Kenedy county line had been built, completing a hard-surfaced road through the county. Then Wetzel continued the fight for the road through Kenedy county, though the committee has never disbanded. Mr. Wetzel has devoted major portion of his time and energies since that time and for many years before, to the eventual completion of a paved highway through Kenedy county, to complete the Diamond Loop and the Hug-The-Coast, and to give Raymondville and Willacy county a needed and deserved outlet to the north.

Mr. Graham and others who joined him in inaugurating the Diamond Loop idea in 1913 made numerous trips over the proposed route endeavoring to create enthusiasm and organize the communities to push construction of the loop. During April and May of 1915, Mr. Graham and D. C. Colp organized 13 Local Diamond Loop Highway Association chapters. Mr. Graham was president of the San Benito association with Dr. A. C. Seiser as secretary. A. C. Burton was named president at Raymondville with Charles M. Kennedy as secretary.

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Hug-The-Coast Highway To Shorten Trips To Upstate Points



Snip Of Scissors To Open Kenedy Highway

Dream Of Generations Materializes Tuesday When Hug-The-Coast Highway Opens

RAYMONDVILLE—They're going to open State Highway 96—better known as the Kenedy county road—Tuesday, and the snip of a pair of scissors held in the hand of State Highway Commissioner Harry Hines will sound a new note of progress for South Texas when the ribbon he cuts falls away and opens the new road to traffic.

The snip of that pair of scissors will be a historic snip, for when the scissors close on the ribbon, completion of a 27-year-dream of a highway loop—the old Diamond Loop Highway Association's dream—will have been marked, the Lower Rio Grande Valley will have obtained a new—and its second—paved highway outlet to the north, the first state highway will have been completed across Kenedy county, one of the last in Texas to be traversed by the state highway system, and one of the most important highway-building projects ever planned by Texas Highway Commission engineers will have been carried to completion.

Started In 1913

It was in 1913 that J. A. Graham of San Benito, a Cameron county commissioner at the time, proposed a highway from the Valley to Laredo and thence to San Antonio, with the idea of attracting more tourists to scenic South Texas. In December, 1913, John W. Warren, president, and D. E. Colp of San Antonio, secretary, of the Texas Good Roads Association helped Valley interests organize the Diamond Loop Highway Association, and Graham employed V. L. Conrad, Brownsville engineer, to make the first survey of the Kenedy county section of the Diamond Loop. That was in 1915, six years before Willacy county was organized. A total of 13 Diamond Loop Highway local clubs were formed in various parts of South Texas.

South Texas old-timers and former Diamond Loop Highway Association members and supporters are expected to dig out the old association car emblems and sport them in considerable number Tuesday, because the Kenedy county road is the last link in the Diamond Loop—from the Valley to Laredo to San Antonio to Corpus Christi and back to the Valley.

State Highway 96 opens the eastern section of the Valley—Cameron and Willacy counties, in particular—to direct traffic with Corpus Christi, the great Coastal Bend and Houston. Heretofore, traffic from those cities could drive along the coast as far south as Corpus Christi and Kingsville, but then they were required to detour around Kenedy county, traveling west to U. S. 281, entering the Valley through Edinburg, then turning east once more to reach any destination east of U. S. 281. The 49-mile stretch across Kenedy county, directly connecting the southern and northern lines of Kenedy county for the first time with a usable highway, will reduce the distance between Corpus Christi and the Valley 40 to 50 miles, or three gallons of gasoline and an hour's time.

Makes Modern History

This highway also made modern history, in addition to bringing a 27-year-long campaign for the Diamond Loop to a successful close. Probably no state in the union offers as many obstacles to successful road-building as Texas because of the wide range of its types of soil and its attendant problems as related to road construction. South Texas is no exception to the rule that even road-building problems are different from those of other sections of the state, but the Kenedy county road provided a problem different from any other in the entire county. The road traversed almost bottomless deposits of fine white sand. For centuries, apparently, the sand dunes have been blown inland from the Gulf of Mexico beaches. Building a modern road over a sand base has more than its ordinary difficulties. That's why the Kenedy county road is the first of its kind ever built in the United States and why it has become known as the Texas Highway Department's "soil stabilization project." Engineers took this fine sand, mixed it thoroughly with cement by adding a very small amount of water, spread the mixture on the road-bed under exact conditions, rolled it compactly before it could begin to "set up," then "sealed" it for four weeks to let it "cure" properly, finally topped it with asphalt. The mere listing of those details tells practically nothing of the many difficulties that beset engineers on this particular highway, but for the first time, the shifting sands of Kenedy county have been conquered. After the road was

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WILLACY IS DRESSED UP

City Preparing For Big Celebration

RAYMONDVILLE—Everything is ready for the big celebration of the closing of the last gap in the Hug-the-Coast Highway in Raymondville next Tuesday. The town began to take on a fiesta appearance the middle of the week. Store fronts began to blossom out in decorations, flags and bunting appeared over night on all of the business houses and streams across the streets have been put up and Raymondville is all dressed up for the celebration. Even the store windows took on a more Christmasy appearance and a feeling of fiesta began to circulate throughout the whole city.

Stands, booths and tables have sprung up on and near the athletic field where most of the entertainments will occur and where the multitudes will be fed. The carnival has arrived and set up its tents and stands and everyone has a smile of welcome on their faces and is ready to show the largest crowd ever assembled in any town in the Valley one of the finest days they have ever enjoyed.

Early Monday morning a large calvacade of cars will leave Raymondville on their tour of the Valley, advertising the celebration. It will be led by several cars of the Texas Highway Patrol and a large Missouri Pacific bus with the Raymondville high school band.

The schedule of the Valley tour is as follows and they want everyone in the Valley to meet them and then on Tuesday go to Raymondvilmle and enjoy the celebration:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Raymondville	8:00 a.m.
Brownsville	9:15- 9:30
San Benito	10:00-10:15
Harlingen	10:30-10:45
La Feria	11:05-11:20
Mercedes	11:45-12:00
Weslaco—Dinner	12:10- 1:00
K. R. G. V.	1:15- 1:30
Donna	1:45- 2:00
Alamo	2:10- 2:25
San Juan	2:35- 2:50
Pharr	3:00- 3:15
McAllen	3:25- 3:40
Mission	3:55- 4:10
Edinburg	4:45- 5:00
Edcouch	5:20- 5:35
Elsa	5:40- 5:55
Hargill	6:20- 6:35
Home.	

Austin Guard Unit Reaches Its Quota

AUSTIN—(AP)—An Austin company of Texas defense guards sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars has reached its quota of 64 enlisted men, Captain James Franklin Miller, commanding officer, announced Saturday.

Captain Miller said the unit's first and second officers were Lieutenants Henry Cain and A. Page Campbell. Weekly drills are contemplated.

Hondo Man Is Found Shot Near His Car

HONDO—(AP)—Alfred M. Finger, 48, former Hondo postmaster, was found shot to death near his car by the highway late Friday. Investigating officers believe that he had stopped to hunt game and his gun accidentally discharged as he attempted to remove it from his car. He was returning from his ranch at D'Hanis.

Pecos Driver Killed

SWEETWATER —(AP)— Grady Durbin, about 38, of Pecos was killed early Saturday when a truck he was driving collided with another car on U. S. Highway 80, five miles west of here.

NEW CACHET TO BE USED

Many From Mexico To Attend Fete

RAYMONDVILLE—The celebration at Raymondville next Tuesday is truly taking on an international aspect. Many friends from Mexico have written to the various committees stating that they will be at the celebration. V. Sabin, cachet director in his weekly report to the Steering Committee stated that his returns from the Cachet announcement were much larger than expected. Many notes of appreciation and interest having been received as well as requests for more information concerning the Rio Grande Valley and the highway. He further said that envelopes for Cachets had been received. In addition to this, interested persons in 32 states of the union had sent in envelopes to be cacheted. The largest bundle being composed of 24 from a gentleman in California.

The cachet will be printed in blue on the left hand side of the envelope. It will be 2 3-4 inches in diameter and circular in form, showing the Gulf coast area of Texas and the Hug-the-Coast Highway. It was designed by Mrs. Mary Portman of Raymondville, one of the Valley's better known poets and artists.

Those desiring cachets may send as many stamped and addressed envelopes as they desire to V. Sabin, cachet director, Raymondville, Texas, before December 17. There is no charge for this service, although during the day of the celebration Boy Scouts will have cachet envelopes on sale, the proceeds of which will go to the purchase of their individual uniforms.

Programs and a novel souvenir of the celebration have been prepared by Mr. Sabin, who is acting as publicity director the souvenir is a three-fold folder the cover showing a large map of the Hug-the-Coast Highway, while the interior of the folder gives the routing from the Louisiana line to the Mexican border in the Valley, and in lighter type points of historic interest and beauty along the route are mentioned and the shortest route to them is shown. On the last page of the folder is given information about the Rio Grande Valley, Willacy county and Raymondville, making it not only a unique souvenir but one of value to anyone contemplating using the highway at any time.

SLIGHTLY INJURED

SAN JUAN—O. S. V. Ross, who was knocked down by a car in Mercedes Monday afternoon, but save a few bruises on his hands, he is no worse for the mishap

There'll Be Something Doing Every Minute Of The Day; Elaborate Program Has Been Planned For Celebration

Bingo Game Slated; Bands And Food, Too

RANGERVILLE—The program for the celebration to be held in Raymondville Tuesday has been so arranged that every minute of the day has something doing, and most of the time it will be like a three-ring circus, the program starts at 9:30 a.m. and continues until after midnight. Features which are to be going on most of the day include the All Day Bingo game. Demonstration clubs exhibit, Monty the educated Belgian police dog, the Charro group from Brownsville and one of the largest carnival companies ever to set up in Raymondville.

Band concerts and music by at least six bands throughout the day. Parades of the various delegations headed by their own bands, big band parade at 10:00, rodeo parade at 1:30 with at least two bands participating, at 2:30 the rodeo will start at the rodeo grounds just east of Raymondville on Highway 186, the daughter of the late Tom Mix will be featured and many daring riders, and cow boys and plenty of comedy will give those interested a full afternoon of amusement. The San Benito band will furnish the music for the rodeo during the afternoon.

Free lunch and coffee will be served near the athletic field during the noon hour. During the afternoon at stated times there will be a wild animal act, trained elephants, etc. All of the entertainments throughout the day excepting the rodeo and carnival will be free.

At 6:45 the Vesper services of the First Methodist Church will ring out over the celebration. Arrangements have been made to broadcast the music from the organ to all parts of Raymondville

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Kansas Town Staves Off Xmas Blackout

COLUMBUS, Kan.—(AP)—The citizens of the southeast Kansas community of 3,280 donated enough money Friday to keep the street lights burning.

An economic blackout had been scheduled to start operating Friday night and for every night—through Christmas—the rest of the month because the light fund is in arrears.

Official Program

RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS

9:15 to 9:45 a.m.

Band Concert—Raymondville high school band, north of Magnolia filling station.

10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Band parade—All bands. Form at Third and Hidalgo avenue. Go east on Hidalgo avenue to Seventh street. South on Seventh street to athletic field.

11:00 a.m.

Arrival of Caravan from all towns along the Hug-the-Coast Highway at the Willacy-Kenedy county line, seven miles north of Raymondville on the Hug-the-Coast Highway.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

County Judge Chas. R. Johnson; Commissioners, Cleo Gilliland, R. D. Teague, Tom King, Cruz Williams and Roger F. Robinson.

Cutting of ribbon—Members of Texas Highway Commission, Brady Gentry, chairman; R. Lee Bobbett and Harry Hines. Music by Brownsville high school band.

11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ATHLETIC FIELD

Welcome address—Hon. W. H. Bostick, mayor of Raymondville.

Addresses by—Grady Gentry, R. Lee Bobbett, Harry Hines, Texas Highway Commissioners. Congressman Milton West, Congressman Richard Kleberg, Representative Rogers Kelley, Elmer Pope of Corpus Christi and others.

12:30 p.m.

Free lunch at athletic field.

12:30 to 1:15

Band concert—Fort Brown band at athletic field.

1:30 p.m.

Rodeo parade—San Benito and Lyford high school bands. West from rodeo grounds on Hidalgo avenue. (Highway 186) to Third street south on Third to Kimball. East on Kimball to Eigth street. Disband.

2:00 to 2:45

Band concert—Harlingen high school band at athletic field.

2:30 to 5:00

H. T. Cragg Rodeo—One mile east on Highway 186.

BARBECUE AND RODEO 75c

Featuring Ruth Mix Cragg, daughter of late Tom Mix. Music by San Benito high school band.

2:45 to 3:30

Band Concert—Brownsville high school band at athletic field.

3:30 to 4:00

Band concert—Lyford high school band at athletic field.

4:00 p.m.

Wild animal act—Trained lions (free). Capt. Alfredo Rousetta. Athletic field.

4:30 p.m.

Performing elephants on streets of Raymondville.

6:45 p.m.

Christmas Organ Vesper Services—First Methodist Church, Third and Hidalgo. Mrs. B. S. Wright, organist.

7:30 p.m.

Boy Scout Jamboree—Indian Fire Lighting Ceremony. Athletic Field. Admission free.

Court of Honor.

Recognition of Star, Life and Eagle Scouts for the year 1940.

1500 Rio Grande Valley Scouts to participate.

Arnold H. Dryer, district Scout executive; Ralph Cissne, field Scout executive.

8:30 p.m.

Free street dance—One block west of depot.

All-Day Long

Bingo games. Home Demonstration Clubs exhibits of farm and home products of Willacy county—South Seventh street.

Monty, the Wonder, trained Belgian police dog—On streets of Raymondville.

Charro Days sample, Brownsville, Texas—On streets of Raymondville.

WEATHER MAY BE GOOD, TOO

Expert Says Records Favor It

RAYMONDVILLE—C. E. Norquist, Meteorologist in charge of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau in Houston, informed members of the Committee that they had picked a very good day for the Celebration if the past record of the last ten years had anything to do with it. His records show that in the past ten years, on December 17, not a drop of rain has fallen in Raymondville. Five of the days have been clear, two have been partly cloudy and three have been cloudy. The maximum temperature has ranged from 49 degrees to 83 degrees, two of the ten days were in the 80's, three in the 70's with an average of 77.6 degrees. So the outlook in comparison with the past ten years appears to be very good for a wonderful day and a wonderful celebration.

Raymondville and the whole Valley are counting on the weatherman being correct.

Cotton Consumption In November Gains

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Census Bureau reported Saturday that cotton consumed during November totaled 744,088 bales of lint and 108,117 linters, compared with 770,702 and 112,362 in October this year, and 718,719 and 91,271 in November last year.

Fifteen Years Ago Far-Sighted Willacy Woman Wrote Theme Song For Hug-The-Coast Highway; Used Now

RAYMONDVILLE — Fifteen years ago Mrs. Daisy Glick Stevenson, a long-time resident of Lyford, saw a glorious future for Willacy County; dreamed of a day when the Hug-the-Coast Highway would open up and people—seeking recreation and health—would come into the Rio Grande Volley through this gateway from all parts of the United States and Canada.

With a picture of this in her mind Mrs. Stevenson wrote a poem she entitled "Along the Bay" and set it to lilting melody. But though the Red Fish Bay Association was formed and a road opened to the Bay, the Hug-the-Coast Highway, for some reason or other, just didn't ocme through.

The song, published by a music company, was sadly tucked away with other dreams and memories and almost forgotten in the active life the author lived.

One day rumors of the opening of the highway were heard, but not much heed was given; for after fifteen years one gets used to rumors. And then came news of a definite date set for the occasion and suddenly Mrs. Stevenson thought of the song she wrote so long ago—the song with the lilting melody. Into the storage room she went and came forth with precious copies of "Along the Bay."

And now it is going to be used for the theme song of the Hug-the-Coast Highway Opening Celebration on December 17th. E. V. Rinner, director of the Raymondville High School Band is arranging it for his students, and the band, wearing their new West Point style uniforms of royal blue and French gray and bedecked with gold braid and buttons will swing down the street to its melody and throughout the day will feature this song dedicated by Mrs. Stevenson to the Hug-th-Coast Highway Celebration.

And Mrs. Stevenson who is an artist, poet and writer and vice president of the South Texas Composers and Authors Association smiles shyly and modestly says: "I want my song to glorify the Highway, and the Valley and the Composers and Authors Association."

SCOUTS HELP MAKE SHOW BIG SUCCESS

Dryer In Charge Of Elaborate Event

RAYMONDVILLE—One of the most interesting and spectacular events of the Hug the Coast Highway Celebration to be held in Raymondville on December 17 will be the Boy Scout Program. Arnold H. Dryer, District Scout Executive, and Ralph Cissne, Field Scout Executive, have been working on the program for the past two weeks, and they have visited most of the Scout troops in the Valley with the result that they feel sure this will be the largest Boy Scout gathering ever held in the Rio Grande Valley. S. E. Smith, Scout Master of the Raymondville Troop, states that from the replies to the letters sent out last week to all Valley Scout Masters, he feels assured that the number of Scouts who will take part will be close to 1500.

This is to be one of the free entertainments offered by the celebration committee and will be held on the Raymondville High School Athletic Field, and there is no doubt but that it will leave an impression on all those who attend.

Tents On Field

The plan at present time is that the tents of the Scouts will be pitched at the extreme west end of the football field. The platform on which the Firelighting Ceremony is to be performed will be in front of these. The Scouts will be formed in large circles, one inside the other, in the center of the field and the bleachers on both sides of the field will accommodate several thousand spectators.

Their program will start promptly at 7:30, as many will have quite a distance to drive in returning to their homes. First on the program is the Indian Firelighting Ceremony, which will be under the direct supervision of Ralph Cissne, Field Scout Executive of the Valley Council, and those who have seen this feature claim it to be one of the most impressive and inspiring spectacles they have ever seen. Following this, Mr. Cissne will narrate an Indian Legend, and he is able to hold spellbound, not only the Scouts but the older audience as well. His story telling ability is one of the things that has raised him to the high position which he holds in Scout work in the Rio Grande Valley.

Colors Presented

Following this will be the presentation of the Colors, which will bring every true blooded American to his feet with a thrill that he has not felt for years, when the massed bugles ring out "To the Colors." Each troop will give a short well planned stunt, song or yell just preceding the Court of Honor in which the Scouts of Willacy County will be advanced according to their proficiency.

Arnold H. Dryer, District Scout Executive, will then recognize and introduce all "Star," "Life" and "Eagle" Scouts of the entire Rio Grande Valley who have attained these ratings during the year 1940. Following this Mr. Cissne will give one of his famous One Man Plays in which it is said that he keeps everyone in a paroxym of laughter from start to finish. Next all Scouts will join in the song, "God Bless America" which was dedicated to all Boy Scouts of America by Irvin Berlin, its composer. Following this will be the Scoutmaster's Benediction and then "Taps" by the massed buglers of the Valley.

The Gulf Refining Company's sound truck will be used during this entire entertainment and the special lighting effects will be given to the Scouts by the Central Power and Light Co.

Charro Event Too

Another event on the days program will be the entertainments to be given by the Brownsville Boosters who will attend the celebration dressed in their Charro costumes and who will assist in the days celebration by giving their Charro songs, music and dances at numerous places throughout the day.

These beautiful and expensive costumes, worn by the Charros and China Poblanas, are in nearly every case copies of or the originals themselves. The copies have been made from old paintings and descriptions secured after many weeks of research. The hand work on most of these costumes is exquisite and fine and the closer they are inspected the more beautiful they become. Some of them cost into the hundreds of dollars and are treasured from year to year to be worn during the Charro Days Fiesta or Celebration, which this time will be held in Brownsville late in February.

Another feature on the program that will be seen from time to time throughout the day on the streets of Raymondville is "Monty" the wonder dog. Monty is a Belgian Police dog, nine years of age and is able to pick out of a crowd of a hundred or more any person mentioned. His canine intelligence is truly marvelous. In his past performances here in Raymondville we have seen him pick out a man by his name, his occupation, by an article he has in his pocket, by his nickname or in any other manner the "wise guys" can figure out. He seldom fails and it is truly one of the most marvelous and mystifying exhibitions that will be given during the celebration.

Corpus Christi A Jewel In A Beautiful Setting



Corpus Christi has not grown too fast, although one of the most rapidly growing cities in the United States, to neglect some of the finer things in life and this view shows a well-groomed tropical background for the tall buildings which rim the city's skyline. In its hustle and bustle, Corpus Christi has not lost its appeal to tourists, remaining a livable place as well as a roaring commercial city.

HAS OPERATION

PHARR—Mrs. I. Leddel, mother of Mrs. Joe Leddel here, who underwent a major operation early Monday in the McAllen City Hospital, is reported to be doing very well.

PARENTS ARE GUESTS

PHARR—Judge and Mrs. Bryce Ferguson have as their house-guests Mrs. Ferguson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hogan of West Texas.

VISITOR DEPARTS

RIO HONDO—Miss Phyllis Lukowski, who has been visiting her aunt and uncle, Mrs. and Mr. John Fadroski, here, has returned to her home in Chicago, Illinois.

HIGHWAY FETE IS ADVERTISED

Celebration Is Given Wide Publicity

RAYMONDVILLE — The Hug the Coast Highway Celebration which is to be held in Raymondville on December 17th will be one of the widest advertised events ever held in the Valley. Within the past two weeks more than five hundred letters and over two thousand sheets of advertising matter have been mailed out to every state in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Hawaiian Islands and Cuba.

Every newspaper for a hundred miles back from the Gulf of Mexico has been contacted and in addition to this every Chamber of Commerce in this territory has also been contacted. The County Judge and Commissioner's Court of every county in the State have received a very cordial invitation to be present at this celebration from County Judge Chas. R. Johnson and the Commissioners Court of Willacy County, and in addition to this several of the Civic Clubs have sent invitations to the other clubs in the State. Letters are pouring in from all sections of the State and Nation in response to these invitations and it looks as if Raymondville will have her hands full on that day taking care of the crowd that will be present.

One request from the Automobile Association of Mexico was very gratifying to the committee. They requested a story not only of the celebration but of the Hug the Coast Highway to be accompanied with photographs which they intend to use in their December issue of their monthly which has a circulation of more than 50,000 copies in Mexico alone. In addition the Editor stated that if possible he would bring a delegation from various localities in Mexico to be present at the celebration.

Another unusual feature of the celebration is that it will have a "Theme Song." This song was composed and set to music by Mrs. Daisy Stephenson. It is called "Along the Bay" and was written one evening while she was at Red Fish Bay, Raymondville's Pleasure resort. This music has been arranged for bands by E. V. Rinner, Director of the Raymondville High School Band and will be heard many times at the concerts during the celebration.

Highway Department Tries New Sign On New Highway

RAYMONDVILLE—Those traveling over the Hug-the-Coast Highway on December 17 on their way to Raymondville, where the big celebration in honor of the opening of this highway is to be held, will see for the first time a new sign being used by the Texas Highway Department. Between Sarita and Norias, a distance of approximately 30 miles, is the only place in the state that these signs have ever been used. They are on an upright post painted pure white and placed about 10 feet out from the edge of the pavement and are spaced 1000 feet apart, all through this distance on both sides of the road. Reading down, the sign reads "PARKING LINE".

J. W. Puckett, division engineer of the State Highway Department, stated that they were trying them out on this section of the road for the sole purpose of guarding the cars from parking too far out in the soft sand which makes up the shoulders of the road along most of the stretch. One not knowing how treacherous this loose sand is, could very easily drive too far out and before they know it would be mired down.

A person will unconsciously spin their wheels in this soft sand when starting their car, and the result is they immediately sink to the axle, and they are in for a bad time. It is always safest in driving off the pavement to stay within this marked limit and above all, start off slowly and carefully especially if a little too far out. This is only one of the many features of the highway department's endeavor to insure safety and good driving on the roads of Texas, and particularly on the Hug-the-Coast Highway.

Another thing that is of interest is to be found along this section of the road is at a point about 10 miles south of Sarita and 42 miles north of Raymondville. Driver will come to a place where the shifting sand dunes have almost encroached upon the highway. Unless drivers are going slow and look carefully the dunes will appear to be just grey covered hills, but upon closer inspection it will be seen that the sand has been covered with small branches, bushes and brush, weighted down with heavier limbs, and by this method the shifting of the sand which makes up the dunes has been almost entirely stopped and within a short time vegetation will have been able to take root and form a permanent mat or covering which will stop the shifting and thus protect the road.

For almost the entire distance between Sarita and Norias, sand dunes of this drifting sand may be seen as white spots in the distance, some within a few hundred feet of the road and others a mile or more distant.

Army Orders

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Army orders Saturday:

Lieutenant Colonels:

Harry C. Luck, Inc., Little Rock, to Palacios, Texas. Frank W. Pinger, MC., El Paso, to Camp Grant. David C. G. Schlenker, SC., Fort Sam Houston, to Riverside, Calif. John Lynch, Inf., Chicago, to Brownwood, Texas.

Majors:

Louis Edward Cotulla, CE Res., San Antonio, to active, Washington.

Captains:

James Henry Von Pein, Inf. Res., Dallas, to active. Randolph Field. Robert Henry McAteer, SC. Res., Fort Worth, to active, Washington.

Governors island in New York harbor was known to the Indians as the "land where the nut trees grow."

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to the People of the Rio Grande Valley

Completion of the final link in Highway 96 between Kingsville and Raymondville marks the beginning of a new era in the history of all South Texas. . . .

Communities all along the Hug-the-Coast highway are brought closer together, with the result that each will become more prosperous. . . .

It is with justifiable pride that we point to the part which this organization has taken in construction of this new project. . . .

Thirty-two miles in Kennedy county was built by us. . . . .

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Congratulations to the
TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
50 miles
of Fine Soil-Cement Road now closes the gap on Highway 96
KINGSVILLE to RAYMONDVILLE

This new soil-cement road is the last link in the Hug-the-Coast highway which now parallels the Texas Gulf coast all the way from Orange to Brownsville. It assures rapid, safe transportation in any weather, and will prove of tremendous benefit to scores of Texas communities.

Residents of Cameron and Willacy counties, for example, will save 62 miles on round trips to Corpus Christi, San Antonio and other points outside the Rio Grande Valley.

Largest Soil-Cement Project

Soil-cement is simply a carefully proportioned, compacted and hardened mixture of soil, moisture and portland cement. Nothing else! It is the latest and greatest contribution of highway engineers and research scientists to the solution of the low cost secondary road problem. It is daily proving its superior durability and economy on hundreds of miles of light traffic roads. Highway 96 is the longest continuous stretch of soil-cement in the United States. A fine construction job reflecting credit on the Texas Highway Department.

PORTLAND CEMENT ASSOCIATION
1016 Tower Petroleum Bldg., Dallas, Texas
A national organization to improve and extend the uses of concrete, through scientific research and engineering field work.

FAST GROWTH OF COASTAL CITY SHOWN

Corpus Christi Future Told By Bell

By J. E. BELL
Manager Corpus Christi Chamber Of Commerce

From a quiet country town of 10,000 persons in 1910, Corpus has grown to a bustling city of more than 65,000 people in 30 years.

Few people have ever doubted the destiny of this modern metropolis, but its growth during the last decade has exceeding the fondest dreams of the most enthusiastic Chamber of Commerce president.

Corpus Christi's population within the city limits in 1930 was listed as 27,789. Figures recently released by the Bureau of the Census give the city a population of 57,433 in the city limits and 65,500 in the metropolitan area. The metropolitan area comprises numerous subdivisions that are a part of the city, but which have not yet been taken into the corporate limits. The increase of more than 100 per cent in 10 years may be attributed to many reasons, the most important of which include the discovery of oil at the city's door, diversified agricultural activity, increased industrialization, and continually increasing activity at the Port of Corpus Christi.

Unusual City

Corpus Christi, long recognized as a city of the unusual, has provided protection for her shores and beach business section from tropical storms, with the construction of a $2,000,000 seawall, which is a beautification as well as a protective project. Skirting the city's entire beach section, the wall will, engineers declare, remove storm-water hazards for all time. The wall is 14 feet above normal tide and swings in a gentle curve from the Port on the north to the bluff on the south side of the city. On the water side, the wall is a stair-step design, and while this design is calculated to break wave action, it also affords the city an unusual outdoor ampitheatre, since the seats provided by the steps will accommodate thousands of spectators of water sports.

An entire city block has been filled in between Water Street and the wall, providing space for additional commercial development. Closely zoned, the newly created area is being beautified by a two-mile boulevard, 200 feet wide. Drives on the boulevard will be divided by beautifully landscaped parks.

2 Yacht Basins

Outstanding among the developments along the new seawall is the construction of three yacht basins that will compare favorably with any in the nation. Expansive service wharfs and landing ramps are provided on what are expected to become some of the most popular havens for small or large craft along the entire Gulf Coast.

As paving of streets along the newly created area progresses, another great project for Corpus Christi is rapidly nearing completion. This great project is the Intra-Coastal Canal, which will be completed into this city about July, 1941, and which will eventually be extended to the Rio Grande. The canal will be important to recreation and business alike. It will permit the shipping by water, of numerous commodities from the inland United States down the Mississippi River into the Canal, to Corpus Christi, and later to the Valley, at a great saving in freight. Likewise, it will encourage the small boat owners to visit the new yacht basins here, since they may make the trip without entering treacherous waters.

The "Wonder City of the South" has long been in the public eye, but it has gained nationwide prominence to a larger extent than ever before with the start of construction here of the government's $25,000,000 Naval Air Training Station.

Many are prone to call Corpus Christi the "darling of fortune," as a result of the location of the huge naval project on our shores. Contrary to that belief—though Corpus Christians are grateful—the Navy is not in the habit of granting favors, where the construction of a project so vital to our defense is concerned. Navy officials are hasty to explain that the base is being placed here because of the strategic position and fine physical qualities of the territory, perfectly adaptable to air training.

The station is located approximately twelve miles to the south of the city on Flour Bluff penisula. Some 10,000 acres of land will be required for the entire plant, consisting of hangers, administration buildings, quarters, store houses, landing fields, etc.

Undoubtedly Corpus Christi will experience during the next five years an even greater growth than during the last decade. Conservative estimates are that the station alone will add 25,000 to our population within the next three years.

Playing a major part in the unprecedented growth of the Port of Play and Profit, is the Port of Corpus Christi. Opened in 1926, tonnage through the local port has increased from a meagre 98,514 tons during the first full year of operation to 7,524,992 tons during the calendar year of 1939.

Tonnage On Increase

Busines during the last fiscal year of the Port, ending June 30, 1940, totaled 7,277,210 tons, indicating that business is holding up despite the shroud of war which envelops the world.

To take care of the unusual growth of the local waterway facilities dredge work which approximately doubled the size of the turning basin at the Port, was completed early last July. The basin is now 1,000 feet by 5,000 feet, as compared with a former size of 1,000 feet by 3,000 feet. The material recovered from the dredge area was used to reclaim some 120 acres of land suitable for future industrial development. The Central Power & Light Company has just completed construction of a million dollar power plant in the area. A new oil dock, bringing the number to five at the Port, is under construction at present.

Always an accurate barometer of the growth of any city, the increase in scholastics reflects the rapid expansion of this metropolis. In 1930, the local school census showed only 5,875 scholastics, while the July 1, 1940 count revealed 13,550 children of school age within the city limits. To take care of this increase, school officials have directed almost constant building and enlarging of schools for several years. Only recently a $450,000 bond issue was passed by voters to provide funds for the construction of a new Junior College building, a Junior High School, (fourth for the city), and much needed enlargements on other buildings in the system. During the last four years the Senior High School building has been doubled in size.

Rapidly nearing completion is a new $130,000 steel and concrete football stadium. Built in the shape of a bowl, it will accomodate approximately 20,000 spectators.

Slum Clearance Work

One particular project of which all Corpus Christi, and even South Texas, is proud, is the slum clearance project being sponsored by the Housing Authority of the City of Corpus Christi, under contract with the United States Housing Authority.

Three separate units will house 468 families, giving new and decent homes to approximately 1,500 people. The Anglo-American unit is already occupied, while the other two projects are rapidly nearing completion.

Total outlay on the three projects, which will help to remove slums from Corpus Christi and cut down on juvenile delinquency, will amount to more than $1,700,000. In addition to that figure, the United States Housing Authority recently ear-marked another $1,000,000 for defense housing to be constructed for use by married civilian employees and enlisted men of the Naval Air Training Station.

During 1939, Corpus Christi enjoyed the greatest building year in its 100-year history when $6,598,979 in building permits were registered. Although this figure put the city among the five leading cities of the state officials state that building admittedly amounted to much more than the figures show, since the value of many projects was underestimated, while still more were not registered since they were just outside the city limits, but were still actually in Corpus Christi's metropolitan area. Far ahead of the 1939 record, building permits for 1940 continue to soar toward the establishment of still another record. Already (November 1st) permits are well over $8,000,000.

Homes Are Booming

Playing a leading part in the huge building total being rung up by Corpus Christi, is home construction. Although commercial construction has been exceptionally heavy, residential building has led the field. During 1939 an average of slightly more than three new homes per day (including Sunday) were built—a record that can be matched by few cities in the entire Nation. Home building has stepped up this year, the average at present falling slightly under four new homes per day for the first six months.

In spite of the hustle and bustle of this lusty growth, Corpus Christi has kept intact it's reputation for being a city of beautiful homes, some of the finest show-places of the south being on scenic Ocean Drive, running south from the city.

Naturally, in a city which grows so rapidly, it is almost impossible to keep utilities and street improvements progressing as rapidly as the residential sections spread over the country side. To cope with the situation created by Corpus Christi's unusual expansion, the citizenship recently authorized the issuance of bonds amounting to $1,750,000, the funds from which will be devoted entirely to street paving and the extension of the City's sanitary system.

It has always been the object of the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, and the city's administration to remain mindful of the fact that what helps South Texas helps Corpus Christi. In that connection the Chamber of Commerce, City, and County have worked continuously for the completion of various highways throughout the South Texas area. Most recent fruit of the works of the citizens of South Texas, including we Corpus Christians, is the completion of the long-sought Kenedy County road from Riviera to Raymondville.

Still another highway project in which the local Chamber of Commerce is playing a large part is the attempt to secure funds for the construction of the Winter Garden to the Gulf Highways, which will mean much to the Winter Garden District.

Corpus Christians are thankful that the future of their city is one flanked with much promise—and they are ever mindful that it is not Corpus Christi alone which is coming to the front, but the entire great Empire which is South Texas, and through the co-operation of all our cities, the future of the section will assume the brightest prospects of any section in the entire Nation.

SEES VALUE OF HIGHWAY



Mayor A. C. McCaughan of Corpus Christi is a firm believer in the value of the now completed highway through Kenedy county. "In my opinion, the Valley is only in the early stages of development and it has a great future," he said. "I feel that the opening of a new highway will be of inestimable benefit both to the Valley and to Corpus Christi. I shall be glad to have you extend my greetings and best wishes to the people of the Valley in your special edition."

Novel Cachet To Be Used At Opening Day Of Hug-The-Coast-Highway; Was Designed By Raymondville Artist

RAYMONDVILLE—On December 17th, Raymondville will have a novel cachet, which will be imprinted upon outgoing mail by the committee in charge. This cachet will be used in connection with the celebration of the closing of the last gap in the Hug the Coast Highway between Orange on the Louisiana State line and Brownsville on the Mexican Border.

The cachet was designed by Mrs. Mary Portman, of Raymondville, one of the Valley's poets and artists. It depicts a map of the Coastal section of Texas and shows the route of the Hug the Coast Highway with small inserts illustrating scenes or activities in and around certain of the towns and counties.

Anyone desiring this cachet may send as many stamped envelopes as they desire to V. Sabin, Cachet Director, Raymondville, Texas and the cachet will be applied and mailed back to them on the day of the celebration. Several hundred envelopes from various parts of the United States have already been received.

Southern Colleges Elect Texan Chief

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(AP)—President Sam Whitley of East Texas Teachers College, Commerce, was elected president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at the group's meeting here Friday.

Three Texas colleges were restored to membership and its attendant full accredited rating. They included: Baylor University of Waco, Hardin-Simmons University of Abilene, and Texas Technological College of Lubbock.

The canning industry used over 10 billion containers in 1939.

Oil Lands, Leases & Royalties

Willacy, Hidalgo and Starr Counties

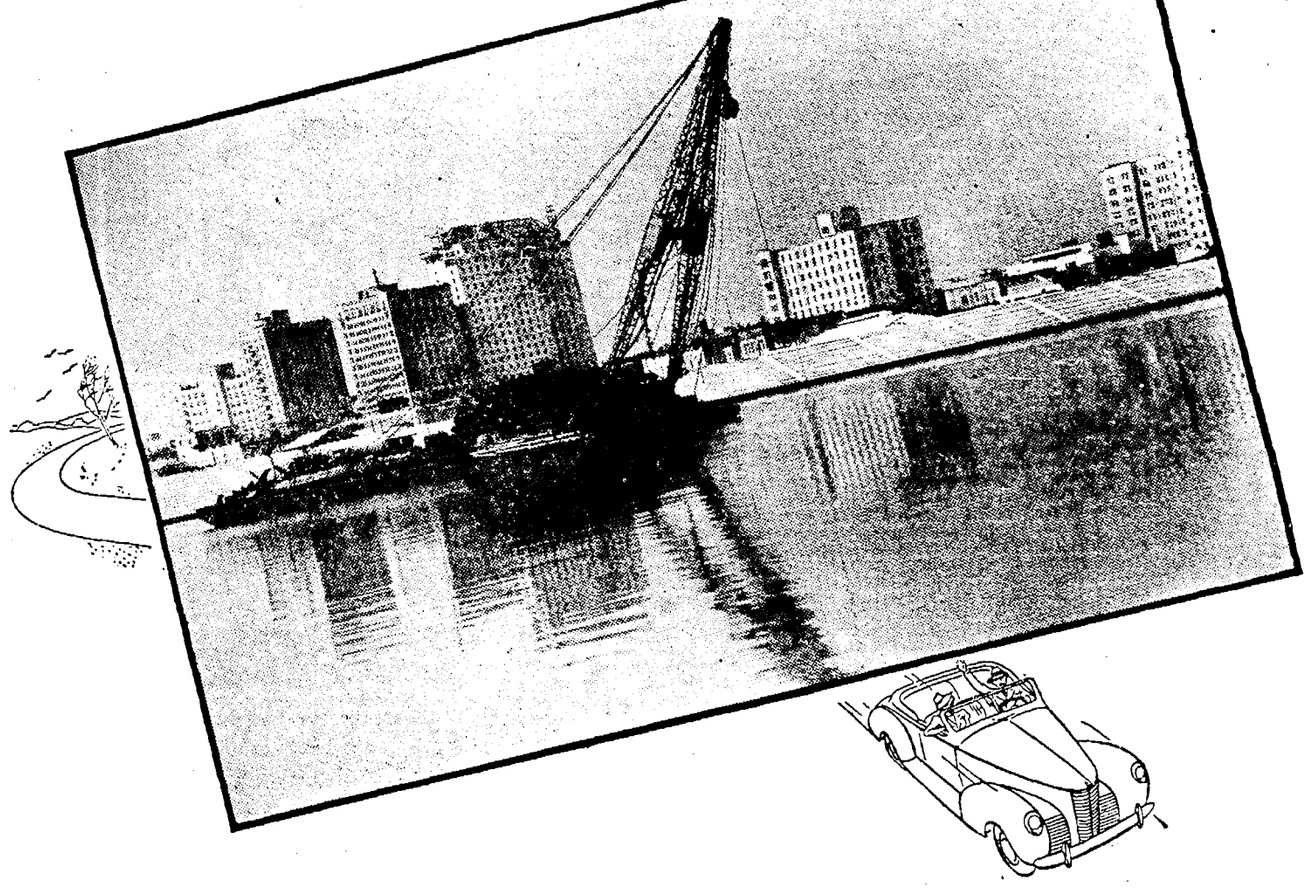
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RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS

GREETING to the CITIZENS of the RIO GRANDE VALLEY



ACHIEVEMENT

The nearing completion of Corpus Christi's marvelous $2,500,000 Sea Wall, the progress south of the great Intracoastal Canal, to finally terminate at the Rio Grande, and the opening of the last and vital coastal link of the Hug-the-Coast Highway are all achievements of which all South Texas may well be proud. In a real sense each is a public undertaking, designed to return a public benefit.

Corpus Christi has always believed that South Texas must develop as a unit. True, its cities and its towns have individual problems, but many of them can be solved by mutual effort. Highways present an example of what can be accomplished by co-operation. We like to believe that our efforts helped in a tangible way to hasten the completion of the coastal road. To be sure a selfish interest was involved. But the social returns will transcend immediate financial benefits. As distances are shortened, acquaintances increase. As we see more of each other understanding increases, and that fosters co-operation.

As the citizens of the Valley, Texas' great garden spot, and those of the intervening counties, have helped us build our great Sea Wall; as mutual efforts have expanded highway facilities, we will continue to expand our energies and our means to further the completion of the Intracoastal Canal to the Rio Grande.

Visit Corpus Christi. We know you'll like our people. We want to know you better, and above all . . . we want you to know us better. Forward together!

The CITY of CORPUS CHRISTI

The CHAMBER of COMMERCE

"PORT of PLAY and PROFIT"

CULMINATION

WILLACY COUNTY IS NOW CELEBRATING THE CULMINATION OF MANY YEARS OF EFFORT. THE ENERGY, FAR-SIGHTEDNESS AND COOPERATIVE SPIRIT OF ITS CITIZENS HAS RESULTED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGHWAY VITAL TO ITS NEEDS AND IMPORTANT TO THE ENTIRE VALLEY . . . AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM DESIGNED TO INCREASE ITS PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY IN AGRICULTURAL FIELDS . . AND MANY INDUSTRIAL ADVANCES.

The Rio Grande Valley Citrus Exchange is sowing the seed and cultivating the growth of cumulative effort in the Valley's citrus industry. It is leading the way toward cooperation of all interests so that the utmost in returns may be the growers' lot. And it is constantly striving to expand the industry's markets in the North through conscientious sales efforts and advertising expenditures.

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It is fighting the battles of the Valley just as Willacy interests have been striving to answer Willacy's needs. As such it feels a kinship for Willacy County in its celebration.

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May the Valley always continue to progress . . . may we always provide the cooperation that gets results.

Rio Grande Valley Citrus Exchange MEMBER Associations

Bay View Citrus Association
Mission Citrus Growers' Union
McAllen Citrus Association
Weslaco Citrus Association
Edinburg Citrus Association
Donna Citrus Association
R. G. V. Citrus Growers' Association, Mercedes
Santa Rosa Citrus Association
Combes Citrus Association
La Feria Citrus Association
Stuart Place Citrus Association
Raymondville Citrus Association
San Benito Citrus Association

RIO GRANDE VALLEY CITRUS EXCHANGE

Tex-Sun and Tex-Maid Citrus Fruit

"SERVING THE VALLEY" WESLACO, TEXAS

'Walls Of Jericho' Tumble Tuesday

Public Sentiment Finally Wins New Road

By MRS. M. C. YEARGAN

RAYMONDVILLE—

"Joshua fit the battle of Jericho,
Jericho, Jericho,
Joshua fit the battle of Jericho
And the walls came tumbling down."

So goes the old Negro spiritual. Unlike the Bible story, however, where Joshua and his small band of men marched around the walls of Jericho and blew their horns and shouted once each day for seven days and the walls came tumblin' down—Willacy county citizens have been driving around the Walled Kingdom shouting their heads off for 24 years and the walls just didn't crumble.

Road Now Opens

But they're at it again, shouting this time with victory through the press, radio, cachets and chambers of commerce, because on December 17, 1940, after 27 years of planning, a direct way out of the Valley to points north, a way has been provided; the last vestige of the wall is crumbling down—the sign reading "This road is covered with tar filled with tacks to puncture your tires" has been removed and only the telegraph poles serving for fence posts to support the barbed wire and the gate with lock and heavy chain remains, and this will be removed when the great cavalcade, including men of the press, photographers, distinguished state and national leaders and citizens all along the route will drive victoriously over the road—open for all time to the public.

The story dates back to 1846 when two young men, Richard King, a young ship's captain and Mifflin Kenedy, a seaman from New Orleans, formed a partnership in the river steamer Carvette and operated a transport service on the Rio Grande River from its mouth to Rio Grande City—a hundred-mile trip, requiring three days up and one day down stream.

But though they had the contract to haul supplies for the American army, the war with Mexico was short lived. Business being dull the young men had time to explore inland and dream dreams of possessing large tracts of land and of owning many cattle. They began to buy land paying from 1 cent to 5 cents per acre for it.

They Made Fortunes

In 1861 and for the four years' duration of the Civil War, King and Kenedy went back to their little stern wheeler and did big business resulting in considerable wealth for them, on which they were able to retire from active river duty. On returning to their estates, they found them overrun with longhorns. They ear-marked them and spent their days trying to protect their great herds from cattle rustlers.

About 1866 Jesse Chisholm achieved the impossible by driving a herd of cattle from San Antonio to Abilene, Kansas. Immediately Captain Kenedy realized that possibilities in this for himself and his partner, King. They tried it with a few thousand, and it worked. Within a short time they had made much money and could not agree on how to spend it.

Kenedy dreamed of the coming of the railroad and the shipping of cattle by rail—cattle with short horns, a new cattle, a reality of his own experimenting. He was so sure of the success of such an undertaking that he was willing to invest his wealth in and also that of his partner's.

King Wanted Land

But King thought it would be a much better idea to buy a mile-wide strip of land running 900 miles from Nueces River to Kansas and continue sending cattle over the trail, and to make sure that they would have sufficient cattle to send over the trail, he wanted the actual ownership of about thirty million acres.

So not being able to agree on how best to spend their wealth they good naturedly dissolved partnership. Kenedy taking the land on the northeast corner of the coast, known later as Kenedy county, and leaving to Captain King as much of the state as he could acquire for pasture land.

Now Kenedy loved privacy better than anything and as a parting request he exacted from King, who planned to own all the land for miles around on three sides of him, a promise that he would never, never allow a public road through the Kenedy estate.

That was about 1868. King agreed, and an imaginary wall was raised around 1,300 square miles of land that was as impenetrable as a stone wall and iron bars, though to all appearance it was still open range. Many years later a barbed wire fence was built around the ranch, which has an area larger than that of the state of Rhode Island.

Guarantee Respected

Captain King's guarantee that no highway should ever run through Kenedy's land has been respected by his heirs. Individuals have raised their voices in protest; small groups of prominent Valley citizens have done all within their power; and it has taken the combined effort of a large number of earnest people working for this great cause many years to see the results of their labor.

Many stories have been told—some true, some false, but all interesting—of the difficulties encountered in getting a road through the walled kingdom. Old timers can regale their listeners with some amazing tales, but with twinkling eyes now that the struggle is a thing of the past.

As early as 1913 a road through Kenedy county was dreamed of and planned for when a route was laid out on paper and and an association formed to promote it known as the Diamond Loop Highway Association. The diamond route was formed by a road up the Valley to Rio Grande City, along the river to Laredo, thence to San Antonio, on to Corpus Christi and back to the Valley following the Missouri Pacific through the walled kingdom.

An emblem—diamond-shaped, in blue and white—was made to advertise the Valley as an outlet and inlet to tourists. Owners who have kept these, will proudly display them on their cars in the parade on December 17.

In 1920 the Hug-the-Coast Highway Association was organized and renewed and continuous efforts were set in motion.

When the county was organized in 1921 a road election was called. It was estimated that about 94 per cent of the population favored it and ultimate victory seemed easy. But when morning dawned, it is said, that mysterious hands had delivered handbills everywhere advising the voting against such a proposal.

The Willacy County Road committee was formed and at a later election the opposition was defeated.

With representatives of the road association went before the legislature to get a road through Kenedy county, however, the proposed measure was tied up in committee and killed season after season for nearly 20 years.

$85,000 was raised and a road built through Willacy county to the fence line of the ranch on the south side. But though a beautiful highway ran to the very southmost line of the ranch, and one, equally as beautiful, ran to the northmost line, it seemed as though never the twain would meet because of the invisible wall of promise surrounding the kingdom.

Finally the ranch owners agreed to give the right of way if the state would appropriate funds for the road; but the funds could not be assured until the right of way was granted—and so, for a time, each waited for the other to move first.

But eventually public sentiment prevailed and the contract was let for the north end to Sarita. All went well for a time, then work came to a sudden standstill, so the story goes. On investigation, engineers had come to a dry stream bed. According to Washington, this was a navigable stream. To cross it required the building of a draw bridge. According to old Wilacy county residents, there wasn't sufficient water to float a duck excepting after a flood.

The deed to the last portion of the right of way was given May, 1935, but will not be relinquished until December 17, 1940.

On December 17 the barbed wire fence that for years has served as a formidable barrier will be substituted by a ribbon and thousands of people will witness the clipping of that ribbon that will open to the public the walled kingdom.

It is estimated that 60 per cent of Valley traffic will go over this road. This road—short though it is—will likely be the longest in the world within a couple of years, connecting Alaska with the Panama Canal.

It is an important road; it ties together six army posts, a naval base, serves a portion of seven international highways extending from Canada into Mexico, and opens all the territory along its course to thousands of travelers. It has ten deep water harbors, giving direct water connections to all parts of the world. And it parallels the Inter Coastal Canal for several hundred miles, making connection with more than 14,000 miles of inland waterways.

Mifflin Kenedy's dream has come true: the cattle that roam over his land now have short horns and travel by train to market.

But his dream of permanent seclusion for his kingdom is shattered at last.

Valley citizens fought the battle of
the Walled Kingdom
And the walls came tumblin' down.

But how about having a friend that would keep a promise for 72 years?

NEW SUSPENSION BRIDGE AT REYNOSA TO OPEN SUNDAY



Opening of the new bridge crossing the Rio Grande River from Hidalgo to Reynosa, Mexico, is scheduled for Sunday, according to Ray E. Stubbs, general manager of the Valley Bridge Company, owners of the structure.

Running 766 feet in total length, the bridge is suspended from 12 huge cables, anchored on each side with 2,200 cubic feet of concrete. The span from tower to tower is 450 feet.

Designed by J. W. Bretta Engineering organization, and A. E. Searles, the bridge is said by experts to be the most modern across the entire Rio Grande River.

The bridge takes the place of the original structure built many years ago, which was destroyed just a year ago. Crossing was made by a pontoon bridge during the period required to build the new bridge. The pontoon bridge will be removed in a few days.

DEATH CLAIMS MOTHER

LOS FRESNOS—Phil R. Moyle was called to Waco Wednesday morning because of the death of his mother.

FROM DENNISON

WESLACO—Mrs. L. Christian of Dennison is visting her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Baxter.

Congratulations . . .

To the citizens of the Rio Grande Valley upon the completion of the important new highway . . . and congratulations to the landowners of Willacy County Water Control and Improvement District Number One upon the completion of the new irrigation system.

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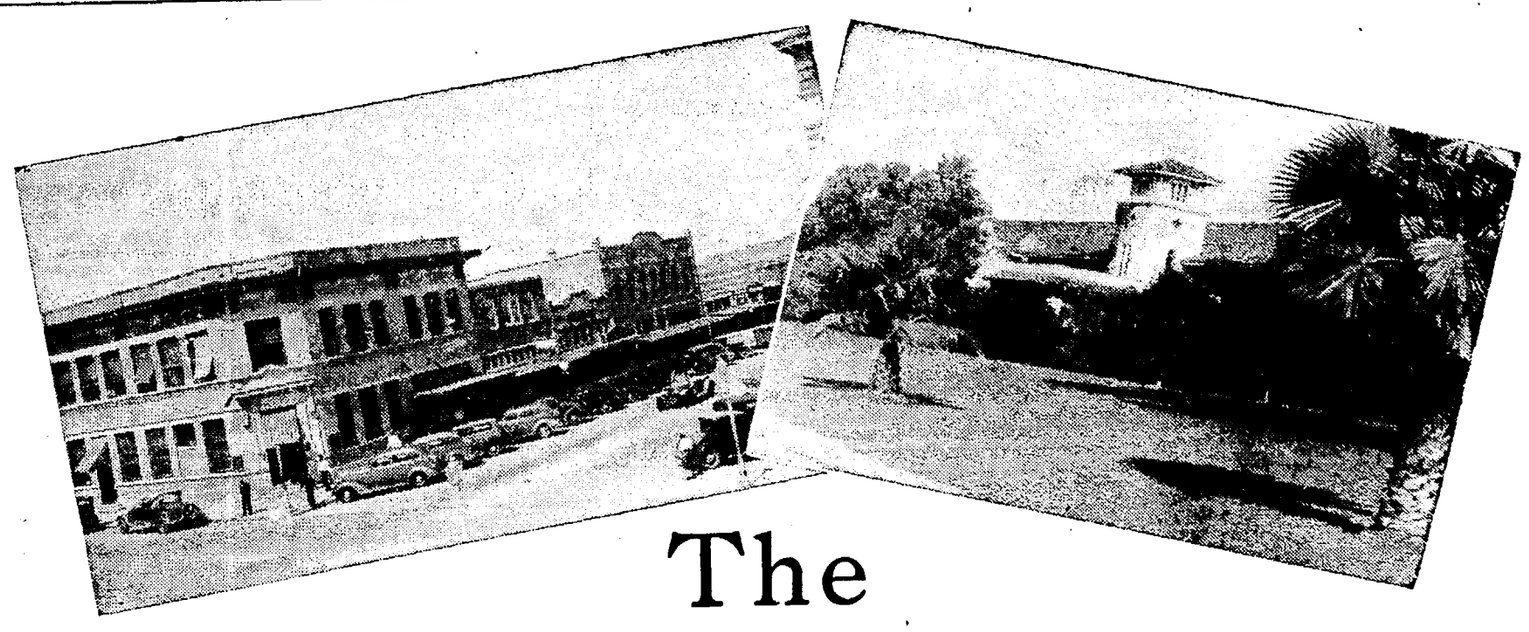
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And

The Texas College of Arts and Industries

join the people of the lower Rio Grande Valley in rejoicing over the completion of the highway that brings their good neighbors of the Valley so much nearer to Kingsville and this great state-supported institution, known affectionately as A. & I. College.

With the accomplishment of this step in advancing highway communication between the Valley and the Gulf Coast section of South Texas, we realize we have laid the foundation for a great international road leading from the Canadian Border to the interior of our sister Republic of Mexico. We pledge to our friends of both South Texas and Mexico our hearty cooperation in the carrying of that task to a successful completion.

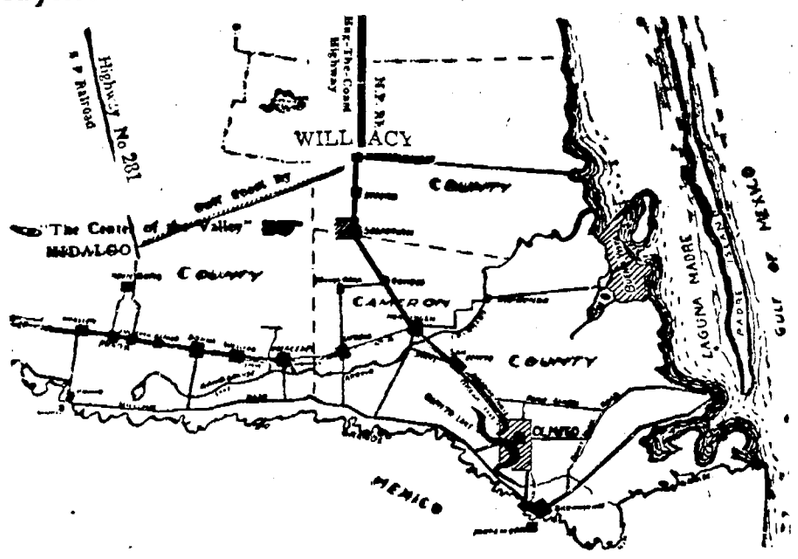
THE people of the Rio Grande Valley joined with Kleberg County in securing for this section an institution of higher education several years ago. On this occasion, we would emphasize the fact that the Texas College of Arts and Industries belongs to all the people of Texas, but particularly to those of this section; that it was founded to train the youth of South Texas for leadership in developing the resources of South Texas.

With the completion of highway 96, this State institution of higher learning is placed at the very doors of hundreds of young men and women of the Valley who will find a warm welcome awaiting them at Kingsville when they make Texas A & I the college of their choice.



SEBASTIAN

On the Hug-The-Coast Highway 10 Miles South of Raymondville and 12 Miles North of Harlingen



The town of Sebastian is indeed happy to congratulate the promoters of the Hug-The-Coast Highway. Their far-reaching efforts have placed Sebastian with the best soil, drinking water and location directly on the route that is destined to connect this section with the Panama Canal and South America.

This advertisement courtesy E. W. ARCHER.

NEW TRAFFIC BROUGHT IN BY HIGHWAY

Army; Naval Bases Along Route

RAYMONDVILLE — The opening of the Hug-the-Coast Highway, which is to be celebrated at Raymondville on December 17th, celebrates the closing of the last gap in the Highway which extends from the Louisiana State line along, or near the Gulf of Mexico, clear to the Mexican border at Brownsville. It is of unusual value to the people of Texas in many ways. Along its course are more than a dozen army posts, naval bases and navy yards.

Its deep water harbors are known all over the world. It is an outlet for Texas to the thousands of miles of inland waterways as it parallels the Inter-Coastal Canal for more than 200 miles. To southwest Texas and the Rio Grande Valley in particular its value is incalculable. The tourist from the East and North now has a short cut into the Valley. Those in the Valley save from 35 to 50 miles or more on every trip in going to Corpus and Houston. It gives the tourist a chance to come into the Valley by one route, to visit the entire Valley and then leave by an entirely different route.

A count made by the Texas Highway Department between Corpus Christi and Houston shows 1110 to 7850 cars pass each day; to Raymondville by way of Corpus Christi the count shows 1140 to 6020 a day and South of Raymondville an average of 1550 cars a day is shown. A saving of 50 miles means approximately 3 gallons of gasoline and an hours time saved, and with the thousands of motorists every day, it means an enormous saving in both time and money.

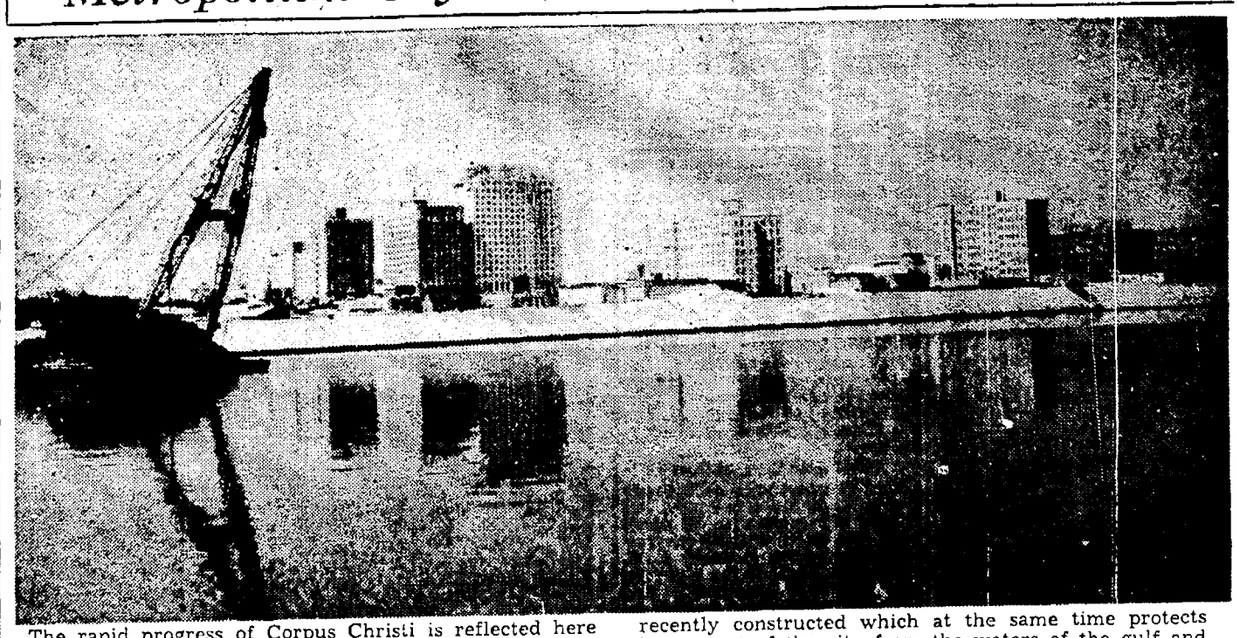
The Kenedy County gap, which has just been completed and which completes the Highway, is unusual in many ways. This 49 mile stretch across Kenedy County was begun in 1935 after the four Ranches, which comprise the county, agreed to give the right of way and the Highway Department agreed to provide the fences along the entire route. The Engineers spent many weeks endeavoring to overcome the many unusual difficulties met in the construction of this stretch. One of their main troubles was the shifting sands which comprise more than 30 miles of the route, but this has been overcome by holding back the sand by the use of brush etc., so that vegetation may be started and thus cover the sand and stop the blowing.

Britain Shifts War Information Chiefs

LONDON — (AP) — Sir Walter Monckton succeeded Frank Pick as director-general of the Ministry of Information in what the Press Association referred to as a "surprise" shift.

Sir Walter is attorney for the Duke of Windsor and reportedly visited him recently in the Bahamas.

Metropolitan Skyline Blooms On Gulf Coastline



The rapid progress of Corpus Christi is reflected here in Nueces bay, towering buildings which were not present a few years ago forming the skyline of a fast growing city. This view from the bay also shows the seawall recently constructed which at the same time protects lower part of the city from the waters of the gulf and provides a pretty rim for this beautiful bay. Corpus Christi has long been known as the Naples of the Gulf.

Entirely New Highway Construction Technique Used On Hug The Coast Road; Entire Country Is Watching

RAYMONDVILLE—Involving an entirely new material technique and a new design in road machinery, the construction of the Kenedy county section of the Hug-the-Coast highway has been the center of interest for the construction industry in all parts of the country.

In use for the first time on any extensive project, the type of construction was developed and tested by the Texas Highway Department. In securing the contract for 34.6 miles of surfacing as well as 43 miles of grading and drainage structures, Heldenfels Brothers, Corpus Christi contractors, have found entirely new methods to cope with the peculiar and perplexing problems offered by the terrain over which the Kenedy road had to be built.

Use of new road materials, the maddening problem of shifting sands, and the low water table encountered, were problems the contractors met and conquered.

Base for the new road is of soil-cement composition. From clay pits along the right of way through the ranch country, materials have been taken for processing in a new plant costing over $30,000.

The problem of keeping the shifting sands from covering the highway is expected to be met as the Missouri Pacific railway has meet it—by planting brush and grass to hold the sands. It is hoped this will stay the moving dunes.

After the road grade was established, a six-inch layer of the native clay was deposited along the right of way. This was exposed to the elements and slight travel for a minimum of eight months. During the time elapsed the clay packed hard enough to hold the finished highway.

Then, using the same type of clay and the new special equipment, a soil-cement mix of six per cent cement, 15 per cent moisture and the balance soil basis was spread along the road bed to a depth of 15 inches. This was rolled and compressed and concentrated until the rollers no longer could make an impresion on the surface.

A maintainer followed the rollers to keep the grade, following specifications that called for the compressed mix to be six inches deep in the center and eight inches deep on the sides, and exaggerated crown on the roadbed being under the mix, so that these specifications brought about a normal crown.

Sets For 28 Days

Following application of hot oil, the road was allowed to set a minimum of 28 days, after which double asphalt surface treatment was given.

This new type of highway was thoroughly tested by the highway department before it was used in construction of the Kenedy county road.

Some time ago a stretch of highway was constructed similar to the Kenedy project. Two and one-half miles of road was laid. After curing and topping, a number of state trucks loaded to capacity were driven over the surface. Back and forth, up and down, day after day, this grueling punishment was given to the pavement.

The test was kept up for three weeks, at the rate of hundreds of loads per day. But the new surface easily survived the test.

According to M. M. Jester, Heldenfel's superintendent on the job, a block of this processed material can be immersed in water for an indefinite period of time, and there will be no sign of deterioration. A piece of the soaked material can be rubbed in the hands without leaving any marks or smudges.

Shoulders Are Problem

Road shoulders could have presented a problem to motorists, but this has been solved too. Drivers need not worry about their cars sinking axle deep in the fine white sands if they observe the safety markings along the shoulders.

The native clay has been used in making shoulders for this new type highway. Rolled and cross rolled and graded, these shoulders extend out eight feet from the pavement edge. Motorists are urged, however, not to run their cars out on the shoulders except enough to clear the highway. The safety line, or clay shoulder edge is clearly marked all along the highway, with posts set every 1,000 feet, clearly visible and plainly marked.

FULL PROGRAM NOW COMPLETE

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and the novelty of this feature will no doubt be remembered by every one there. To those desiring to go inside the church and relax during the program, the doors will be opened and everyone is welcome, it may be heard from almost any portion of the city in your car or in the streets. The program which will be played by Mrs. B. S. Wright is as follows:

Oh Little Town of Bethlehem, Gesu Bambino (The Infant Jesus), Pietro Yon, former organist of Vatican. Hark the Herald Angels Sing!, Sanctus by Gounod, Oh Come All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fidelis).

Following this the Boy Scouts will give their demonstration at the athletic field, starting at 7:30. Their program includes an Indian fire lighting ceremony, Court of Honor and many other beautiful and inspiring ceremonies in which more than 1500 Valley Boy Scouts will take part. Then at 8:30 will be the free street dance on sixth street one block west of the depot. Music will be furnished by the Pete Pena orchestra of Mercedes. As a whole it is expected that every one who attends will have plenty of entertainment and will enjoy every minute of the day.

Old Diamond Loop, First Started 27 Years Ago, Now Finished; Original Committee Alive, To 'Disband'

Nat Wetzel Was Top Man In Leading Program

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Lyford chose C. E. Craig president and J. C. Deyo, secretary. And at Harlingen R. L. Chaudoin was president and S. A. Thompson, secretary.

Organization Formed

On July 5, 1915, a large, enthusiastic group formed a parent organization in meeting at Port Isabel, with E. J. Hernen, assistant director general of the National Highway Association at Washington, D. C., present to assist in organization. An insignia of blue and white for members' cars was adopted, being a diamond-shaped piece of enameled metal, 10 inches long and four and one-half inches high of blue enamel, with quarter-inch white border and the words "Diamond Loop Highway" in white letters filling interior of the diamond.

These emblems were displayed for several years, but association members failed in attempt to acquire vital pieces of right of way. Eventually enthusiasm waned and finally the Diamond Loop was almost forgotten.

But now, with the closing of the last gap in the Hug-the-Coast Highway, the Diamond Loop Highway can alos be considered an accomplished project. The emblem, the association and the enthusiasm are expected to be revived, and the loop to become known as one of Texas' most interesting scenic highways.

Many of those who helped form the original organizations over Southwest Texas have passed on. But Mr. J. A. Graham of San Benito is still active in good road work, and is expected to be present for the December 17 celebration of the completion of two major Texas highways, for one of which he led the fight a quarter of a century ago.

Certain also to attend the celebration are Mr. Archer, and Mr. Wetzel, who will have a major part in the fete, and other members of that Willacy good roads committee. Present also will be Judge Dancy, a fighter for good roads as far back as anyone can recall. There also will be numerous others, many of whom were in the original fight, and thousands of others who have joined since and have helped put across the vital link in both highways after a long and sometimes bitter fight.

Was Last Gap

Completion not so many months ago of hard-surfaced road all the way from the Valley to Laredo leaves the Kentucky gap as the only remaining link in the Diamond Loop, just as it is the last link in the otherwise completed Hug-the-Coast.

But there are other loops, all



These Diamond Loop Emblems Were Once Popular



E. W. ARCHER
Diamond Loop Sponsor

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with an important 1940 angle, that means visitors and dollars and cents to all of the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Besides the loop which might bring motorists in by way of the Kenedy county road, and send them out by way of the Diamond Loop to Laredo, or through Edinburg to Falfurrias; there is also the loop which will allow visitors to Mexico to come to the Valley through Edinburg or Raymondville, then through McAllen and Reynosa and Monterrey, with return trip through Laredo. Then there is the loop that will send them through Brownsville and Matamoros to Victoria and Mexico City, and bring them back to Monterrey and either to Reynosa or Laredo.

The Matamoros - Victoria and Reynosa-Monterrey hard-surfaced routes are far past the dream stage. They're rapidly coming to the point of reality as parts of a Pan-American highway which will be of vast importance as a tourist route and as part of the defense equipment of the Americas.

Yes, they'll be celebrating the opening of an important link in more than one highway at Raymondville on December 17.

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Herodotus' history is considered one of the most trustworthy of ancient works.

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Join The Gay Crowds!

CROSS THE RIO GRANDE

OVER THE MODERN

NEW REYNOSA BRIDGE



OPEN TO TRAFFIC TODAY

Reynosa, the quaint Mexican city – first along the Rio Grande – offers old-world atmosphere with its 200-year-old Cathedral, its unique shops and famous cafes..... Cross the new bridge today and get a last glimpse of the temporary pontoon bridge below, which will soon be removed.

VALLEY BRIDGE COMPANY

R. E. STUBBS, General Manager HIDALGO, TEXAS

Before The Highways, CAME THE HIGHLINES

Both Contribute to the Valley's Forward March



Attend Hug-The-Coast Highway Celebration

RAYMONDVILLE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17



"Congratulations, Willacy and Cameron Counties on completion of the Hug-The-Coast route. It's something to be proud of."

—REDDY KILOWATT, Your Electrical Servant.

ALL THE Valley joins with Raymondville in celebrating the opening of the Hug-The-Coast Highway, which means so much to the progress of Willacy County and the entire Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Just as rapid, easy transportation adds to the upbuilding of this section, so does widespread, low-cost electric power, symbolized by the CPL highlines which traverse wide areas throughout this region.

Central Power and Light Company takes pride in the fact that, long before paved roads were available, electric highlines criss-crossed the Valley, bringing convenience, speed and economy to store, farm and home.

CAUSE for CELEBRATION

Raymondville, Harlingen, San Benito, Brownsville, La Feria and all of Willacy and Cameron Counties will benefit directly from the opening of the new highway, a dream of Valley citizens for the past twenty years.

Direct communication with Corpus Christi, Houston and points north and east will be of immense value to both farming and commercial interests, and completion of the highway is just cause for celebration.

Reddy Kilowatt says "CPL's highline service is cause for celebration, too. Plenty of power wherever there's demand for it, at low rates, has helped a lot to make the Valley."

CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

US CONGRESS STUDIES WAYS TO CUT COST

Non-Defense Expense May Be Slashed

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Confronted with the prospect of heavy new defense appropriations and higher taxes, Senate and House leaders talked over Saturday ways and means of cutting down non-defense expenditures.

Considerable sentiment was evidenced for setting up, as a step toward that end, a new "super-committee" to cordinate spending and revenue policies.

To Study Spending

Representative Woodrum (D-Va) influential member of the House Appropriations committee, said he was seeking the cooperation of President Roosevelt and House and Senate leaders in forming a group which would obtain an over-all picture of spending needs and then would recommend what revenues should be raised.

Woodrum told reporters his first step would be to confer with House leaders and members of the ways and means and appropriations committees. He said a joint congressional committee "could look at the fiscal picture as a whole, and could make recommendations based on the relationship of expenditures and revenues.

Must Coordinate

"It is crazy not to consider spending and revenues together," he remarked.

On the Senate side, Chairman Harrison (D-Miss) of the Senate Finance committee said that "if the House will agree to a joint committee there won't be any trouble over here."

Hitler To Aid?

Mussolini Must Get Assistance Soon

NEW YORK —(AP)— The British Broadcasting Corporation said Saturday that it is "widely thought that the time has come when Herr Hitler must attempt to rescue his partner"—Premier Mussolini.

"There has been no news today," BBC said in a broadcast heard by CBS, "on the movements of Herr Hitler and Herr von Ribbontrop, who were reported Friday to have left Berlin and who are rumored to be on their way to see Signor Mussolini.

"It will cause no surprise, if such a meeting takes place, since it is widely thought that the time has come when Herr Hitler must, at whatever cost, attempt to rescue his partner."

Crude Closes Week With Net Decrease, Production Jumped

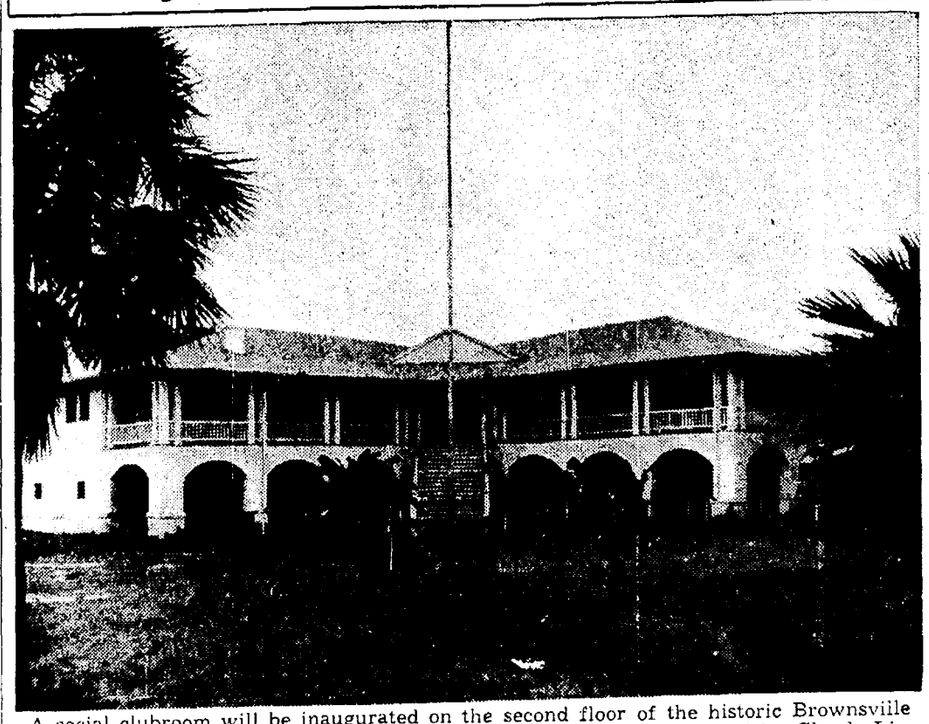
WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Bureau of Mines reported Saturday stocks of domestic and foreign crude petroleum at the close of the week ended December 7 totaled 261,152,000 barrels, a net decrease of 1,527,000 barrels compared with the previous week. Stocks of domestic oil decreased 1,362,000 barrels for the week and foreign crude decreased 165,000 barrels.

Daily average production for the week was 3,613,000 barrels, an increase of 278,000 barrels compared with the previous week's level. Runs to stills averaged 3,460,000 barrels daily, compared with 3,510,000 barrels for the preceding week. Daily average imports were 136,000 barrels, an increase of 24,000 barrels during the week.

SOLON'S FATHER DIES

CLOVIS, N. M.—(AP)—U. S. Senator Carl Hatch of New Mexico and Mrs. Hatch left Saturday night for Oklahoma City to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hatch's father, R. S. Caviness, 82-year-old retired druggist who died Saturday.

Valley Club Formed In Brownsville



A social clubroom will be inaugurated on the second floor of the historic Brownsville Country Club (pictured above) Saturday night, it has been announced by Claude Liston, director of country club activities. Card memberships are being issued at present.



Miss Mozelle Pruden, well-known Brownsville girl, who will act as hostess at the social clubroom to be opened at the Brownsville Country Club Saturday night.

Claud Liston Heads New Project At Club

BROWNSVILLE—Expected to fill a long-felt social need, a membership clubroom featuring dancing, food and other refreshments will be inaugurated at the Brownsville Country Club Saturday night with a dance and buffet supper.

Finishing touches are being applied to the completely renovated clubroom and lounge under supervision of Miss Mozelle Pruden, who will act as hostess, and Claud Liston, who directs Country Club activities.

Memberships Needed

Memberships, issued by invitation or recommendation, are being spread throughout the lower Valley, Mr. Liston states, and they have met with hearty reception. Members may bring guests, but otherwise admittance will be by card only, the management stated.

The second floor of the historic Country Club, for many years one of the outstanding social gathering places in South Texas, will be devoted to the clubroom facilities. It will be capable of accommodating 150 persons comfortably, Mr. Liston estimates. The dance floor has been placed in top condition, and the quarters have been outfitted tastefully.

Beginning next Sunday, the clubroom will be open from breakfast until midnight supper, according to present plans. Music will be available at all times, and it is planned to have a special dance orchestra once weekly, or as often as members desire.

The clubroom will be available for private parties and will have a catering service. A special bid will be made for afternoon bridge and tea parties, and Miss Pruden will assist in arranging them.

The cost of membership will be nominal.

Separate From Club

The clubroom will be conducted entirely separate from the Country Club and membership in one does not necessarily entail membership in the other, Mr. Liston explained.

Miss Pruden, a graduate of local schools and Denton Teachers', is well known among the younger social set of the Valley. She has been a resident of Brownsville for the past six years.

Mr. Liston, long-time Valley resident, came here after managing the Harlingen golf course for the past seven years. He is enthusiastic over golfing, tennis and swimming facilities offered by the Country Club here.



Claude Liston (above) will have supervision of the clubroom being opened at the Brownsville Country Club.

NEW ORLEANS STRIKE ENDS

Seamen Win Shorter Hours, Better Pay

NEW ORLEANS —(AP)— A seamen's strike which tied up five vessels of the Standard Fruit and Steamship Company here for four days was settled Saturday and sailings were resumed.

Bryce P. Holcombe, commissioner of conciliation of the United States Department of Labor who mediated the strike, said an agreement was signed at noon for improved working conditions, higher pay, an 8-hour day and overtime pay.

Although no official statement was made on pay increases, it was stated that radio operators would receive a $12.50 a month hike.

Holcombe said the agreement was reached between officials of the company and representatives of the National Maritime Union and the American Communications Association.

MRS. AUTRY BETTER

RIO HONDO—Mrs. S. E. Autry is recovering from a recent illness.

NEW HYGIENE CLASSES SET

Hidalgo Red Cross Plans Work

EDINBURG — Home hygiene classes in Hidalgo county will be launched in January by the county chapter of the American Red Cross, A. M. Tarbutton of Edinburg, chapter chairman, announced Saturday.

The classes will be directed by county health nurses who were instructed in the activity recently by a field representative of the Red Cross. One class will be conducted in each community, and Parent-Teacher associations will be invited to assist the program.

Courses in first aid for laymen will be started by the Red Cross throughout the county either in late January or early February, the chairman added. A national organization representative will teach the first classes, whose graduates in turn will organize instruction groups among laymen throughout the county. The first series of lessons will be given to all border patrolmen, firemen and other interested groups, and these in turn will teach first aid practices to interested laymen.

Tarbutton said a final report on the recent county Red Cross roll call has not yet been compiled due to absence of tabulations from two of the 13 county communities in which the drive took place. Funds already reported, however, show that the county surpassed its quota of $5,000.

Head Man Fired

Allowed Raw Water In City Mains

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—(AP)—Formal investigation of inadvertent introduction of 6,000,000 gallons of untreated Genesee river water into city mains brought discharge Saturday of the superintendent of water.

Meanwhile, with 1,100 of the 300,000-odd residets inoculated by the health bureau against typhoid fever, the city opened five additional inoculation stations in public schools, with a big rush for vaccination expected.

U. S. Rebates Taxes

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The treasury said Saturday that it over assessed Ruby Keeler Jolson, dancing star of the stage and movies, $50,346 on her 1936 and 1937 incomes.

Palestine, homeland of the Jews, has been under British mandate for 22 years.

KENEDY ROAD OPEN DEC. 17

Large Crowd Slated In Willacy

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built, engineers piled brush alongside the right-of-way so the creeping dunes would fasten themselves in the brush and stay off the road. Now they are planting various types of hardy vegetation in the creeping dunes to anchor them permanently at the roadsides. For years, the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railroad, whose tracks parallel the highway throughout its length, hired hundreds of men to keep the dunes off the railroad tracks. But the dunes have been conquered by the ingenuity of the Texas Highway Department and its engineers, and the Kenedy county road is ready for traffic.

Cost Less Than Million

That 49-mile stretch of highway cost $876,518, the department has figured out—more than it would have cost under ordinary circumstances. Division Engineer J. W. Puckett at Pharr is the man who conducted the experiments that made the road possible through the sand. But the road would have cost much more had the state been required to purchase the rights-of-way. While the proposal to build the road through Kenedy county caused more than one uproar, the King Ranch interests donated the right-of-way just as the state asked for it, saving an untold amount of money which would ordinarily have been a part of the cost. When the ranch interests finally were convinced of the economic value of the road to the thousands of persons who would use it, they did everything possible to facilitate its construction.

All these things add up to the reasons for the Hug-the-Coast Highway celebration in Raymondville Tuesday. They add up to the realization of one dream of 27 years—the Diamond Loop Highway. They add up to the attribute that has made South Texas one of the fastest-developing sections of Texas, through depression or prosperity—the will of its people to do and the willingness of its people to cooperate in the public interest. They add up to the steady progress of a section of Texas whose economy is rooted in agriculture and livestock-raising, whose luxuries are coming, more and more each year, from the magic of oil, whose transportation problems are being overcome steadily by land, by sea and by air, whose values stem more from the class of its citizens than from the wealth they are able to accumulate.

And so the folks from the Sabine to the Rio Grande will meet at Raymondville Tuesday. There'll be railroad men, and steamship men, and highway men and airline men, and ranchmen, and oil men, and bankers, and merchants, and preachers and newspapermen—all helping to celebrate the continued advancement of South Texas.

Sentry Shoots

Officers Laud Act At Fort Devens

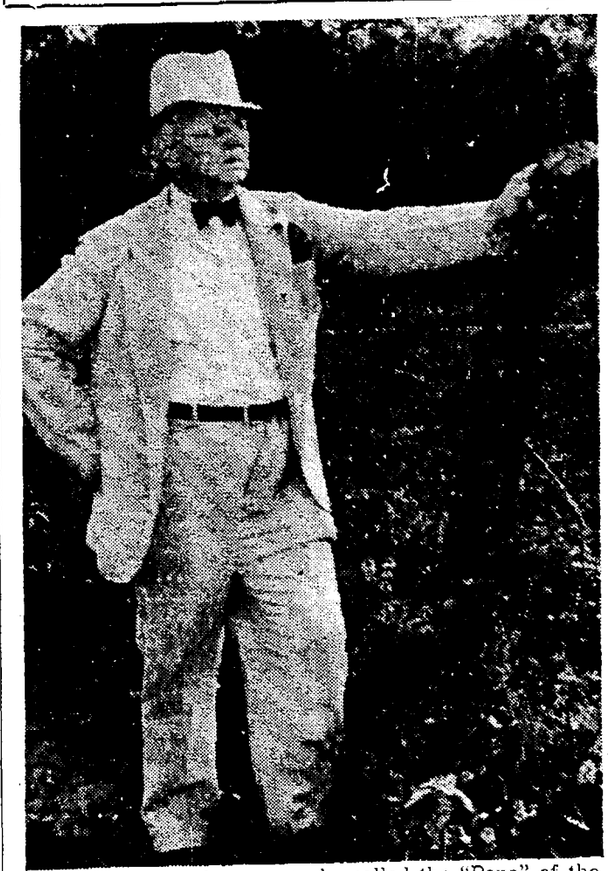
FORT DEVENS, Mass.—(AP)—An army sentry's discharge of his rifle to halt an automobile—with resultant wounding of a young woman occupant—was upheld and "commended" Saturday night by the soldier's superiors.

The bullet struck Mrs. Louise DeRocher, 25, of Nashua, N. H., in the neck, after ricocheting from the car. She suffered only a minor wound.

Army officials said Mrs. DeRocher was in an automobile which disregarded a warning to stop and drove into the fort while the sentry was examining credentials of passengers in a bus at the main gate.

The University of Mexico was founded in 1553.

'Papa' Of Highway



If any one man deserves to be called the "Papa" of the long sought Kenedy county road, it is Nat Wetzel of Raymondville, shown above in the midst of brush and sand such as was encountered by the road builders in constructing through Kenedy county one of the toughest roads to build ever attempted. Mr. Wetzell has given nearly all his time and efforts for many years to pushing for the Kenedy road. Tuesday should really be a BIG day for him.

SPANISH, FRENCH HISTORIC ITEMS TO BE EXCHANGE

MADRID—(AP)—Fifty thousand art treasures and historical documents taken from Spanish museums by Napoleon are being returned by the Vichy government at the order of French chief of state, Philippe Petain, it was disclosed here.

The treasures include several of Murillo's works, among them the "Imaculada," jeweled crowns and tapestries.

In return for the archives, the Spanish government will send back to France part of the golden tent which King Francois I of France used at the Battle of Pavia in 1525. That relic is made of golden cloth studded with gems.

WETZEL RIDES WITH PRESS

Willacy Leader Will Head Motorcade

RAYMONDVILLE—Nat Wetzel, one of the ardent supporters and workers for the Hug-the-Coast Highway, will leave Raymondville Monday for San Antonio to come down on the Union Bus for the press that will head the motorcade from the north.

Wetzel is particularly pleased with two telegrams he has just received, one from Isidor Diaz, engineer, director general of Mexican highways, saying that Senors Gilberto del Arenal, Manuel Dominquez and Crescancio Gonzales, division engineer of the State of Tamaulipas; all engineers from the Mexican Highway Department will meet in San Antonio for the four-day trip from San Antonio to Orange and on down the Hug-the-Coast Highway to Brownsville.

The other wire was from the Highway Department at Austin saying W. G. Staggs, resident engineer at Corpus Christi, would meet the party in San Antonio and accompany it on the entire trip.

For several years, those interested in the Hug-the-Coast Highway, which connects with the Matamoros-Victoria highway to Mexico City at Brownsville, have been eager to show the advantages of such a highway to Mexican officials.

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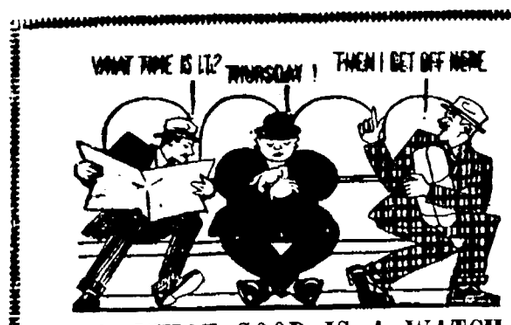
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U. S. Finds Warring Italy Is Heavy Economic Drain On German Resources

NAZIS' COAL TOPS DUCE'S IMPORT LIST

U. S. Official Shows Axis Disparity

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Indications that Italy is proving a heavy economic drain on her German Axis partner were reported Saturday by the commerce department.

Writing in the Foreign Commerce Weekly, Louis Domeratzky, chief of the department's regional information division, said an analysis showed "not only the great economic disparity between the two countries, but also the high degree of dependence of Italy on German resources."

Nazi Assistance

The full measure of German assistance to her partner cannot be ascertained because of lack of current trade statistics, he said, but the "fundamental character and scope" is disclosed in a review of their economic relations appearing in a German publication which is regarded as representing Nazi economic theories and policies.

Domeratzky said that while the article was intended to show Italy's growing economic strength, that purpose was "definitely overshadowed by the revelation of the degree of dependence of Italy on the senior totalitarian partner as a source of supply and a market."

Coal First Import

Coal occupies firt rank among commodities which Italy must import from Germany, he said, and is being supplied at a rate of 1,000,000 tons a month, which "involves considerable strain" on railway facilities.

Germany also is Italy's chief supplier of metals and metal manufactures, lumber, petroleum, and chemicals, including fertilizer, he added.

At the same time, Germany is the chief market for Italy's agricultural exports, taking one-third of her total shipments.

"It should be pointed out," he said, "that while the supplies that Germany obtains from Italy are of some importance, and include such essential products as mercury and sulphur, on the whole they are of much less importance than those for which Italy is absolutely dependent on Germany."

Rose Cup Tour

Judges Meet Monday At McAllen

McALLEN—Judges of the Valley Rose Cup competition, of which Mrs. C. H. Schwedes of Weslaco is chairman, will have luncheon at the Casa de Palmas Hotel here Monday at noon.

They will judge in McAllen, Donna, Mission, Edinburg and Pharr that day. Only one judging will be done this year, due to lack of interest in the contest in the spring.

Funds for paying expenses of the judges were collected from the cities by the McAllen Chamber of Commerce which was designated by the Valley Secretaries Association to have charge of the competition.

Nazi Farmers Are Urged To Continue Present Good Work

BERLIN—(AP)—Argentine-born German Agriculture Minister Walther Darre declared that Germany, in the second year of war, has the highest food standard in all Europe, thanks to the efforts of her farmers.

He exhorted the farmers, in a nationwide radio broadcast, to cling to Nazi farming principles to boost production and contribute their share to the German war effort. Despite hardships, Darre said, the Reich's farmers scored extraordinary increases in certain vital products.

McAllen Girl Will Be Given Audition

McALLE... ...urray will be auditioned Mon... ...Kingsville for the Texas School of the Air programs to be presented during the winter by the State Department of Education.

Miss Murray, McAllen junior high school student, will play clarinet and piano accordion solos for her audition. She will be accompanied by Bill Gartland.

Tourists To Join In Music Program

McALLEN — Musical numbers from each of the city's tourist camps will be featured with Bill Gartland's junior band at a musical evening at the First Christian church Friday, December 20, at 7:30 p. m.

Sponsored by the women's auxiliary of the church, the one-hour program is open to the public, free of charge, Mrs. A. O. Scharff, president, announced Saturday.

Refugee Ship Death List Mounts To 223

ISTANBUL, Turkey—(AP)—The death list from the capsizing of a Jewish refugee ship on a reef in the Sea of Marmora mounted to 223 Saturday and officials said about one-half of the bodies had been recovered.

Survivors of the wreck of the 100-ton wooden vessel huddled in temporary camps near the shore.

Trim House With Southern Accent Built For Cash Outlay Of $416.43

By ED L. CAMPBELL
AP Feature Service

BATESVILLE, Ark.—What kind of a five-room house can be built for $416.43 cash?

Experimenters at the Arkansas livestock and forestry experiment station answer, surprisingly:

A completely modern house—solid, sound and attractive.

A model home, construction of which cost just $416.43, stands today at the station as the sign post to a new field of low-cost housing.

Into it the University of Arkansas College of Agriculture put years of investigation aimed at promoting higher standards of rural housing at minimum cost.

College extension service workers emphasized three things: Careful planning, use of home and family labor, and utilization of materials native to the farm and community.

Cash was spent only for skilled labor and commercial materials such as cement, hardware, roofing, millwork and plumbing.

A Stone Foundation

All other values incorporated into the house consisted of unskilled farm labor, native stone, sand, logs and native sawmill lumber.

Exclusive of plumbing and electricity, the same house could be building for $214.73.

Built on a low stone foundation with an "Old South" type front, the neat white cottage has a definitely attractive exterior. Interiors are built so that almost any desired finish can be used.



This model five-room farm house cost $416.43 cash. It was built largely by unskilled labor using native materials.

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The usual framework and covering layers were omitted. The floors, walls, partitions and ceilings were made in "crib" style. This novel construction employs two-by-fours laid solid, in much the same manner as bricks are laid, to form a four-inch thickness. Masonry includes solid stone foundation, fireplace, flues and porch floors.

The house was finished on the outside with whitewash. Inside, the wood surfaces were smoothed and sanded and made suitable for any desired finish.

The interior also was fitted with a built-in kitchen cabinet, electric lights and plumbing. The house has two bedrooms, a living room, combined kitchen-dining room, hallway, pantry, bath and five closets.

Roger W. Babson Says

Small Companies Now Getting Break With Help Of New Securities And Exchange Commission; Bureau Lauded

By ROGER W. BABSON

NEW YORK CITY — It becomes more and more apparent that the Securities and Exchange Commission has done a remarkable job in protecting the interests of the average investor. The Commission has proved a good watch dog of the market. Originally, the SEC Act of 1933 called for the registration of all security offerings to the public in excess of $30,000. This ceiling was raised some time ago in certain cases. The Commission announced on December 3 that domestic issuers of security issues up to $100,000 are now exempt from the registration provisions of the Act. They need not even fill out a prospectus. This will prove a great aid to small concerns. It is a step in the right direction by the SEC. The Commission should, however, move the lid over a little more and ultimately put the exemption up to $500,000.

The SEC has never used the power of the law embraced in the Security Act to its fullest extent. I believe the Commission is conscious of its power but, at the same time, is resolved to treat business gentle. Small businesses, now in need of new capital, should immediately take advantage of the new and simplified procedure. To raise up to $100,000 requires now only a letter to the nearest regional office in which a firm gives notice of its intent. Enclosed with this letter should be copies of any selling literature. Larger concerns also will, undoubtedly, be aided in the near future through being required to submit less complicated data.

Industries Hipped On Bigness

The trouble with business today is that it is like a church without a Sunday School. Without Sunday Schools, as feeders for church memberships, the doors of our religious houses would have to close. Our business structure, likewise, needs more small concerns which in time can grow into big ones. One normal reason for unemployment is the lack of employers. My father always felt a man's standing in his community depended upon whether he was an employer or an employee. Any young man who wants to become an employer should be encouraged to get into business for himself.

Smaller and younger business concerns should be favored by government agencies and bankers. This is also the best way to prevent monopolies. Unfortunately, young business men and small concerns have received scant, if any, encouragement up to the present time from government agencies. Private agencies, particularly the banks, have also given them the cold shoulder. Banks with funds of depositors to invest are still attracted to the commercial paper of large concerns at rates of one-half to one per cent. Most of our bank officials have forgotten that the present size of many of our institutions are brought about by the faith and interest their predecessors showed in the small business man and small concern. Unfortunately, collateral has superseded character in the minds of too many bank directors.

Exactly how much business has been lost to investment dealers through private placements of stock, bond, and note issues, as a result of the SEC regulations, will probably never be accurately known. That the investment banking business has dried up since the advent of the SEC is only too evident. For the first ten months of this year, which embraced the latest figures available, there was a total of $2,019,000,000 in new financing. Of this $577,700,000, or 28.6 percent, in new issues was privately placed with insurance companies, investment trusts, large estates and big individual investors. Private financing of utilities has nearly doubled in the past three years.

I forecast a new deal for investment dealers and a distinct change from a desire by investors to own only the "blue chips." There are small concerns, both listed and unlisted, that are destined to enjoy great growth and profits. Investment dealers should take on a new lease of life and get wise to coming changes. They should anticipate the trend of interest in small companies and resulting small flotations. We all should swim with it, rather than against the tide. From now on the "unlisted" business should increase with leaps and bounds.

This anticipated interest in small companies and the changing status of many men from employee to employer class should especially benefit the smaller communities. The 1940 census figures show conclusively how the growth of many large urban centers has already stopped. Salaries, wages, living costs, and especially taxes are lower in the small towns, nearly all of which now have good transportation and other facilities necessary for the small manufacturer. Horace Greely advised the young man to go West. Our great West is still a land of many opportunities, but regardless of the young man of today's direction, let him locate in a relatively small community. Business men and investors alike should remember that, if one knows how to use it, "a small fire warms better than a large one!"

P-SJ-A CHOIR SETS PROGRAM

Students Will Sing Tuesday Night

PHARR—The A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Ward Timmons, director of vocal music, will present its first full concert of the year at the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo high school auditorium Tuesday night, December 17.

The P-SJ-A choir has received high praise from music lovers for its excellent renditions, achieved in a short time.

Timmons said secret of the choir's success lies in the rigid discipline of the group during the rehearsals and in the intense concentration during the performance itself.

The concert program will be presented in four groups with a very fine variety program after the intermisison by the high school sextette, composed of Anna Mae Flowers, Marjorie Britten, Edwella Draeger, Willa Jean Faris, Dorothy Moseley, and Mae Marie Buckner, with Paul Flowers, accompanist; gay ninety ballads by Bob Ricks, a member of the choir; duet, composed of A. W. Yeats, tenor, of the high school English faculty and Joy Levens, soprano, a member of the choir. Miss Daisy Ellen Polk, soprano, who teaches music in Pharr grammar school, will sing a Christmas number.

Choir program offers the following compositions: Group I—"Tenebrae Factae Sunt," Palestrine; "Hark Now Shepherds," Luvacs; "Voix Celestes," Alcock; "How Blest Are They," P. Tschaikowsky.

Group II—"Say Thou Lovest Me," Noble Cain; "Dear Land of Home," from "Finlandia," Sibelius; "God Bless America," Berlin-Timmons; "Star-Spangled Banner," Key.

Group III—"Love Divine," (Welsh choral) Prichard-Jones; "In the Night Christ Came Walking," Cain; "Lullaby on Christmas Eve," Christiansen; "Ole' Arks A-Moverin'," Cain.

Group IV—"Resting in His Love," Soderstrom; "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," Lutkin.

Edinburg To Name New C. C. Manager

EDINBURG—Selection of a manager for the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce is expected to take place soon, President Otto Kusel announced Saturday, but no date has been set for the next board of directors' meeting, at which action on the selection is scheduled.

The chamber is to name a successor to S. M. (Pat) Patterson, who served here a month before accepting a better position with the Littlefield chamber in West Texas.

Last Picture Of Lothian



This is one of the last pictures made of Lord Lothian, British ambassador to the United States, who died unexpectedly as the result of a uremic infection. The picture was made at the embassy in Washington as Lord Lothian received for shipment to England gifts of dolls and toys from Junior Red Cross members. With him are, left to right: Joan Ford, Phyllis Killinger and John Doyle.

Messenger Boy Hero, Helping Catch Hold Up Man Chased By Manager Of Sandwich Ship Who Gets Wounded

HOUSTON—(AP)—An 18-year-old messenger boy and a sandwich shop manager Saturday thwarted a 28-year-old bandit who attempted to hold up the shop.

"This is a stick-up," the bandit announced, flourishing a pistol as he entered.

Charles Bates, night manager, handed over the receipts, then grabbed a butcher knife and threw it at the man.

The bandit fired at Bates but missed and the manager pursued him as he ran down the street.

Suddenly, the bandit turned and fired thrice more at Bates. One bullet wounded the manager in the leg.

The telegraph messenger, Jack W. Baldridge, heard the firing, tackled the robber and held him until the wounded Bates caught up and helped disarm the man.

Man Is Convicted On Check Charge

EDINBURG—Convicted in county court of swindling with a worthless check, Floyd C. West was fined $1 and costs Saturday. Assistant District Attorney Hollis Rankin prosecuted for the state.

Grand Coulee dam, which will cost $110,000,000, is the most expensive ever projected.

FIRM IS PAID FOR SERVICES

Engineers May Seek Hidalgo Contract

EDINBURG—County Tax Collector Clay Everhard said Saturday he had written Pritchard and Abbott, Fort Worth valuation engineering firm, asking whether they would seek another contract to evaluate Hidalgo county property in 1941.

The company handled oil properties in 1939 and both oil and utilities in 1940, but have not asked for a renewal of their contract, the collector said.

A check for $521 for most of 1939 work was mailed to the firm yesterday, he said. The contract provides that the firm be paid four cents per each $100 valuation made by them on which taxes have been paid.

Everhard said a new contract must be signed between now and January 15, 1941, in order that the work can be completed by April 30.

The $521 paid yesterday on the 1939 valuation does not represent the total amount for that year, according to the auditor's office. Pritchard and Abbott claim they are due about $700. The dispute lies in bookkeeping methods, it was explained.

The commissioners' court last Tuesday gave Everhard authority to seek renewal of the Pritchard and Abbott contract. County officials said the firm must not have been satisfied with their returns from the oil valuations or they would have pressed for another contract some time ago.

Everhard said the Fort Worth engineers could do the work much cheaper than his staff or any local engineer because they are doing the same work for 52 counties and have a man at Austin to check necessary oil, gas and pipeline reports on which much of the valuation must be based.

McAllen Officials Pay Parking Fines

McALLEN—Overparking on Friday the thirteenth proved unlucky for Mayor Horace Etchison's wife and the attorney for the city gas system.

Mrs. Etchison and Attorney E. A. McDaniel were each fined $1 by City Judge C. D. Martin Saturday morning with Mrs. Mary Hyatt.

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If only one tenth of all the bread baked every day in the United States contained grapefruit juice, every pound of grapefruit grown in Texas, Florida, and California would be needed to supply the necessary juice.

As the reputation of "Made O' Grapefruit" Bread spreads, the demand for grapefruit juice will grow swiftly. Bakers can afford to pay good prices for grapefruit juice because its unique properties permit economics in the ordinary baking process.

Any baking plant can afford to pay enough for grapefruit juice to justify a price of $10 or even $15 per ton to grove owners.

Think of what this promises for the Valley. As more people try "Made O'Grapefruit" Bread and find it is better bread, its popularity will spread throughout the country. Other baking plants, already interested, will begin producing grapefruit bread. A vast new outlet for Valley grapefruit juice will be created. Instead of a surplus of grapefruit,there will be a shortage.

Flour Makes A Big Difference - - We Use Kimbell's Best

You can see and test this difference in every loaf of delicious Sally Ann "Made O' Grapefruit" bread. Every loaf is made with the famous KIMBELL'S BEST.

A special "whole grain" flour, milled to our own exacting specifications by the

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KIMBELL'S BEST is better flour because it contains all the natural foods packed in every grain of wheat. Only the coarse bran hull is removed in milling. All the minerals, vitamins, protein and carbohydrates in the natural grain are retained in KIMBELL'S BEST flour.

You get the full, rich food values of natural wheat—nutritious and healthful—in every slice of Sally Ann "Made O' Grapefruit" bread.

It's the same delicious flavor you can remember as a child when mother baked all her own bread.

It's the same delicious flavor found in home-made bread—the flavor you love.

Compare a slice of Sally Ann "Made O' Grapefruit" bread with a slice of ordinary baker's bread. Notice the rich, firm texture; the appetizing "fresh-baked" aroma; the creamy color of Sally Ann bread. You'll understand why we say, "Flour makes a big difference."

Some types of flour are so intensely milled in the effort to produce a "snowy white" flour that much of the original food value in the wheat grain is lost during the milling process. KIMBELL'S BEST loses no part of the wheat grain in milling except the coarse bran hull. All the rich food elements found in wheat are retained in KIMBELL'S BEST flour.

Nor is KIMBELL'E BEST subjected to artificial coloring process. Most so-called "white" flours are chemically bleached to give added whiteness. This chemical bleaching is not used in producing KIMBELL'S BEST.

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That's Why We Say-- Buy 'MADE O' GRAPEFRUIT Bread' - - At All Groceries

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The makers of good bread of course want the best in trucks—That's why they selected Chevrolet to stand the test of daily driving over the Valley. Carpenter Chevrolet, McAllen, is proud to have sold the makers of the famous SALLY ANN "Made O' Grapefruit Bread" ten trucks to make their deliveries rapidly and economically.

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MADE O' GRAPE FRUIT BREAD Looks Better Tastes Better And It's Better For YOU

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GERMAN SUB BASE RAIDED AT BORDEAUX

Destructive Attack Is RAF Claim

By The Associated Press

LONDON—A swift and destructive raid on the submarine base of the great southwest French port of Bordeaux was credited officially Saturday to bombers of the RAF coastal command.

It was the newest British counter-stroke at the U-boat menace which is the outstanding peril in the siege of this island kingdom—one of a series of raids which authoritative sources declared are causing "grave concern" to German military leaders.

Factories Bombed

On the German North Sea coast, the shipyards and docks of Kiel and the factories of Bremen were bombed by other British raiders, and docks and airdromes in the Netherlands were attacked.

The glow of strong fires from incendiary bombs penetrated the heavy clouds over Bremen, the air ministry said.

Authoritative sources said Saturday the RAF has made 35 raids on Berlin alone and that the Hamm Railway has been bombed no fewer than 85 times "in the operations against Berlin."

Railroads Disorganized

The railway network across Germany has been severely disorganized by raids, these sources declared, adding that since October the Nazi submarine base at Lorient, France, has been "plastered" by bombs 30 times.

They listed these additional results of RAF forays:

More than 60 raids on Hamburg, greatest shipping port on the European continent, and the port is now "almost unrecognizable" and "practically useless."

The Dortmund-Ems Canal, vital junction of the German canal system, has been attacked more than 30 times and industrial works, munitions factories and oil plants have been "destroyed" in nearly 60 raids on Cologne in the Rhineland industrial area.

Rotterdam Hard Hit

Rotterdam also has felt the sting of the RAF bombers in 30 raids, and some 20 "concentrated attacks" have been made on the Wallhaven airdrome.

Other RAF flights have dropped bombs on Essen, site of the Krupp Munitions Plant, 36 times; on Gelsenkirchen, 40 times. The Bremen wireless base, where "Lord Haw Haw" nightly jibes at Britain, has been under attack by the RAF more than 50 times.

In addition, the RAF has bombed almost nightly the channel ports from which it was expected that the Nazis would launch their invasion of the British ports. Boulogne alone has had 60 raids, and Dunkerque 40.

Middle East Visited

In the middle east, the sources said, Tobruk, Libya, has been bombed 43 times, and Turin, Italy, housing the great Fiat Works, has been raided 14 times.

"In addition, these sources said, no effort has been spared to help the Greeks drive the Italians into the Adriatic."

Pan American Opens New Orleans Office For Southern Route

NEW ORLEANS —(AP)— Pan American Airways Saturday announced the opening of its offices here in the expectation of developing air service between New Orleans and Pan American countries.

Officials of the company announced that it had made formal application to the Civil Aeronautics Board last January for expanding service through New Orleans and was awaiting decision of the board.

Rusk's Benefactor Succumbs Saturday

RUSK—(AP)—A flower lover who turned his hobby into a civic enterprise and spent his spare time for several years in beautifying Rusk's city lake died here Saturday.

He was Yates Smith, 62, a native of Cherokee county, who for some 12 years was Rusk's city water superintendent.

Model Plane Activities

By GARVER MURRAY

When R. G. Temple, Jr., turned his plane loose last Sunday, he didn't expect it to wind up in jail, but that is where it is at this writing.

In the ten minutes and thirty seconds out of sight flight, it flew right into Mexico, landing at a ranch at Panalita, twelve miles east of Rio Rico, and the Mexicans thought it was some sort of bomb, and notified the authorities at Matamoros. They came ont and took the plane into town, and in the absence of the mayor, who was out hunting, they put the model in jail. Mr. Louis Bruly, who is connected with the U. S. D. A., and who found out about the model being in Mexico, has made necessary arrangements with custom officials to return it to this side of the river, as soon at the mayor comes back from hunting, and releases it. This is the first time to my knowledge, that a plane took off on a flight and wound up in jail in another country.

Mr. W. T. Gooch was down and said that the best way to get to the flying field today, is to turn north on the first road west of the flood way, and turn back east at the first road, then straight ahead to the same location that we used before. He also was needing some repairs to his motor, cause it got the worst end of a crack-up, but he said his Wedgie would be ready again for today. Gene Brown is trying his hand at a redesigned Wedgie for his Ohlsson 23—what happened to your other plane, Gene? Tommy Jo Lambertson and Eugene White are still trying to get another winning rubber powered job together—Eugene has built one.

I hear Phil Atteberry has a new way of flying at night, he uses long leads on his boosters, and runs around after his plane carrying them, and when the plane gets the best of him he just pulls his leads loose, and stops the motor—some fun, eh? How about putting some shears on your landing gear, and cutting out some of that brush up there, Phil?

It seems that the folks down at Los Fresnos are getting anxious to see some more flying, how about getting up a gang to go down there during the holidays, and putting on an exhibition just for fun. Sam can let me know if the folks want to see it, he owes me a visit anyway.

By the way, Sam has ordered an Ohlsson 60—but the order was so hot it burned the factory down when it reached there. Mr. Ohlsson has asked that everyone bear with him, and that they will get back into production just as fast as they can, no records or orders were lost in the fire.

I have noticed that so many of the boys have trouble with their motors starting, did you know that ninety-nine percent of motor trouble is traced to faulty ignition wiring? So check up on that wiring in your models, see that the connections are clean, and that they don't touch each other. Keep your spark plugs clean, be careful and don't break the porcelain, or if it is already broken replace it with a new plug. Keep your fuel mixture clean, and don't drop your eye-droppers in the dirt, then fill up your crankcase with a mixture of sand and dirt. I want you boys to remember your gas model pledge, and be sure you have picked a good location for testing your models, and don't be testing them in vacant lots in town. Go outside the city limits, if it is too far to your local airport, and then be sure the field manager knows you are there, that is when you are at the airport. We don't want to get anyone hurt. FLY SAFELY. It is estimated that more than two million, five hundred thousand model airplanes will be flown in flights this year by modelers following official regulations. When one considers the tremendous importance of this activity in making the nation more airminded one cannot help but realize the vast importance of aeromodeling to full scale aviation. But we must pay attention to the rules and regulations laid down by the Academy of Model Aeronautics, they are for your good, and benefit: please obey the rules. (Has anyone seen Bo Scott lately?)

Adios.

The war department has designated some 75,000 miles of highways, already built, as a "strategic network" particularly well adapted to military needs.

YULE EXHIBIT TAKES AWARD

Edcouch Club Marks Home-Made Xmas

EDCOUCH—"Home-Made Christmas" formed the theme for the prize-winning exhibit shown by the Lone Star Home Demonstration Club of Edcouch, at the Weslaco Birthday Show. The exhibit was awarded first place and $15.

The winning exhibit was arranged in a 10-foot space which was set apart from the other exhibits by a home-made chain or rope. At the back of the booth was a decorated tree bearing such ornaments as metal disks, miniature cotton sheep, small Santa Claus made of similar material, silver bells, and tinsel baubles. All of these multi-colored decorations were brought out in strong relief against the green background of the tree by garlands and festoons of pop corn and cranberries. Tree was topped by a gold metal angel. To the rear and above the tree was a realistic Christmas wreath made of crissa and small red Mexican peppers.

On steps leading up to the tree were arranged about 35 gifts. Among the gifts displayed were a crocheted table cloth, a knitted sweater, a fruit cake, alabaster book ends, embroidered dish towels, kitchen aprons, Christmas cards, quilt, dolls, pot holders and canned goods.

Much credit is due the committee composed of Mesdames Hoke McKim, club president; John D. Pickens, and Clyde C. Hand for working out and arranging of this exhibit.

WEATHER

(Official U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast)

THE VALLEY: Cloudy, occasional light rain or drizzle, not much change in temperature. Moderate to fresh northerly winds.

LOUISIANA: Cloudy, occasional light rain or drizzle Sunday and Monday, slightly colder Sunday. Moderate, occasionally fresh, north and northeast winds on the coast.

ARKANSAS: Cloudy, occasional ligth rain or drizzle Sunday and Monday, not much change in temperature Sunday, Monday slightly warmer.

EAST TEXAS: Cloudy, occasional light rain or drizzle, with freezing rain or drizzle over extreme northwest portion, not much change in temperature Sunday; Monday cloudy, occasional light rain or drizzle, slightly warmer over northwest portion. Moderate to fresh northerly winds on the coast.

MISSOURI: Cloudy, occasional light rain in southeast, freezing rain northeast portion Sunday; Monday mostly cloudy, not so cold west and north portions.

KANSAS: Partly cloudy and warmer west and central, cloudy extreme east portion Sunday; Monday generally fair and warmer.

OKLAHOMA: Cloudy, light freezing drizzle east and south portions Sunday; Monday mostly cloudy, occasional light rain southeast portion, warmer Monday and in Panhandle Sunday.

ARIZONA: Fair Sunday and Monday. Colder Sunday night and over west and central portions Sunday afternoon. Warmer west portion Monday.

NEW MEXICO: Partly cloudy with occasional light snow over mountains west portion, mostly cloudy with intermittent light snow or drizzle east portion Sunday with slowly improving conditions east portion late Sunday. Monday fair west portion and decreasing cloudiness east portion. Slightly colder west portion late Sunday.

WEST TEXAS: Mostly cloudy with intermittent light freezing drizzle Sunday, conditions improving slowly southwest portion late Sunday. Monday slowly decreasing cloudiness with occasional drizzle southeast portion. Continued cold Sunday with temperatures slowly moderating Monday.

The Tides

The tides for Sunday: High tides at 1:17 a. m. and 5:14 p. m. Low tides at 9:16 a. m. and 10:23 p. m.

The tabular data is for the 24 hours preceding yesterday at 6:30 a. m.

STATION	Highest last 24 hours	Lowest last Night	Precipitation (inches)
Abilene	37	26	.38
Albuquerque	51	31	.00
Amarillo	29	14	.03
Albany, N. Y.	38	14	.00
Atlanta	63	58	.22
Boston	52	20	.00
Chicago	28	25	.00
Cincinnati	38	30	.04
Cleveland	32	24	.00
Corpus Christi	71	46	.01
Del Rio	59	47	.01
Denver	6	—11	.00
Detroit	25	15	.00
Dodge City	12	10	.05
El Paso	61	41	.00
Fort Smith	45	40	.13
Fort Worth	41	33	.30
Galveston	66	59	1.82
Havre, Mont.	9	— 7	.01
Huron	9	5	.01
Jacksonville	79	54	.00
Kansas City	22	19	.01
Memphis	47	41	.00
Miami	79	66	.00
Mobile	67	61	1.45
New Orleans	66	60	.44
New York City	54	29	.02
Norfolk	72	49	.17
North Platte	5	3	.18
Oklahoma City	29	20	.00
Palestine	50	43	.06
Pittsburgh	37	26	.05
St. Louis	34	29	.13
Salt Lake City	25	8	.00
San Antonio	55	43	.00
Sheridan	8	—13	.00
Shreveport	60	45	.00
Tampa	78	63	.00
Washington	58	34	.25
Williston	14	3	.00
Wilmington, N. C.	72	57	.00

ALAMO—Mr. and Mrs. David F. Smith of Yakima, Washington, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Cloughley and son.

Land Crippled Plane In Water



A naval reserve pilot, caught aloft when his ship's landing-gear became disabled, followed orders and put his plane (left) down successfully in Jamaica bay, New York. Here a coast guard boat (right) takes charge after removing the crew and putting a mechanic aboard the partly submerged plane to begin salvage. The pilot was Ensign R. A. Winston.

Cold Wind Ends Tub Sit-Down Strike

Three Boys In Hurry To Bathe For Dates Pout For 11 Hours

PARKVILLE, Mo.—(AP)—Three Park College freshmen, disputing prior rights to a dormitory bathtub, went on a sitdown strike—in the tub.

Cold water, turned on by other students with cleanliness ideas, failed to end the contest. Finally, someone opened dormitory windows. Cold blasts of winterish air routed the three sitters at 3 o'clock Saturday morning, some 11 hours after the Marathon began.

Meanwhile, three young coeds, waited and waited for dates that didn't show up.

The tub sitters wouldn't discuss the episode Saturday, but fellow students told this story:

Max Lowe of Casper, Wyo., started cleaning up for a date at 4 p. m., Friday. Soon, in the opinion of Bill Turner, also of Casper, Lowe "had been in there long enough." An argument began over "time limits" for bathing.

Finally, Turner climbed into the tub with Lowe. He had a date, too, and was in a hurry. But instead of bathing the boys argued. Each then decided to out-sit the other.

Soon along came Bob Gaiser of Kansas City. He also had a date and was in a hurry to bathe. But his classmates declined to vacate the tub—So he climbed in, too.

All three just sat there.

The hours passed. Time for dates slipped by. Still no truce.

About midnight other students, protesting the tub was a community privilege, turned on cold water in the tub, whose contents long since had grown lukewarm. Failure. The sitters shivered—and continued to sit.

Early this morning somebody opened dormitary windows. That worked. Out raced Lowe, Turner and Gaiser, teeth chattering.

Sometime during the argument the three made a "last-man" bet. Gaiser paid off with a round of triple-egg malted milks.

Citrus Growers Are Warned Against Accepting Checks On Outside Banks

EDINBURG — District Attorney Tom L. Hartley of Hidalgo county cautioned citrus growers and shippers Saturday against the possibility of losses they may sustain by accepting out-of-state checks for their fruit.

This is the time of year, when fruit sales are heavy and shipments are numerous, that fruit sellers should "thoroughly investigate" checks written to them on banks in other states, the prosecutor said. He makes the warning annually in an effort to reduce the number of "hot" check cases filed with his office.

Prosecution of cases involving checks on out-of-state banks, Hartley explained, is difficult. In event such a check is proved to be bogus and even if the check writer is apprehended, the work of presenting evidence before a district court is burdensome because it involves extradition proceedings between two governors, Hartley said. No funds are available for bringing witnesses from an out-of-state point to appear in court, nor are there funds available for the district attorney's office to send representatives before the governors asking extradition of a defendant, if he is arrested in some other state.

Despite the removal of many handicaps by passage of the Texas "hot" check law, which took effect in September of 1939, prosecution of such cases has been simplified in Texas but is still a major problem when residents or banks in other states are involved.

There are two kinds of "hot" checks, Hartley said. One is the misdemeanor type of case in which a check for less than $50 is involved, the other a felony in which more than $50 is involved. The former type of case is tried in county courts, the latter is district. Under the new Texas check law, the county court is now authorized to subpoena witnesses from other counties. But the opposite is true in out-of-state cases, where a witness can be asked to appear in court in this state but cannot be forced to do so under any existing regulation.

In most cases involving bogus checks written on an out-of-state bank, a teller from the bank must testify in the case to establish the state's evidence as to fraud. Thus many prosecutions are halted when it is impossible to convince the bank official of the necessity of his attendance, especially in view of the fact that he would have to bear his own expenses of transportation to the trial.

No Tickets Are Left For Sugar Bowl Tilt

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—Every seat in the 70,000 capacity Sugar Bowl football stadium here has been sold for the 1941 New Year's Day classic between Tennessee and Boston College, A. M. Goldberg, president of the New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association, announced. He said there was no need for anyone else to apply as every seat and also every combination ticket for the calendar week of sports had been disposed of.

Greece's Attache To Washington Enroute

LISBON, Portugal—(AP)—Col. E. Papvassiliou, formerly of the Greek general staff who recently arrived here from Athens, has been appointed Greek military attache at Washington and will leave shortly by trans-Atlantic clipper on what he termed a "special important mission."

Local Library Gets Civil Service Book

HARLINGEN—New "Civil Service Manual," by Sidney Alten, director of the New York Civil Service Institute, has been received at the local library, Mrs. Gerald McKenna, librarian, said Saturday.

The book is described as a complete home study course for all federal, state and city civil service examinations, and lists trial tests and requirements.

Blazing Fires And Neat Tents Await 36 Division

CAMP BOWIE, Brownwood, Tex.—(AP)—Thirty-sixth Division troops en route here Saturday through freezing rain will find squad tents erected, their cots set up and gas fires blazing in each dwelling unit.

Woolens will be ready for issuance to all units from South Texas, and each man's size is already known to expedite distribution of warm clothing to 7500 officers and men due here Saturday afternoon in 56 motor movements.

Col. Ernest O. Thompson, division quarter-master, made arrangements to have dwelling units ready for the troops, which were not affected by Friday's order delaying movement of the major body of the thirty-sixth to the site of their one-year training grind here.

"We'll have everything but a cup of hot coffee waiting in their tents," he quipped, eyeing the freezing mist.

"They'll have a hot supper, and units from South Texas will get their woolens first thing after arrival. North Texas units have already been issued winter clothing."

Service and headquarters troops coming in by motor convoy Saturday to begin the major task of readying the camp for the 12,000 men who will be here soon after Christmas from Fort Worth, Dallas, Austin, New Braunfels, San Antonio, Denison, Marshall and Houston. Most of them are expected by mid-afternoon when Major General Claude V. Birkhead, commander of the thirty-sixth, will be officially welcomed by Brownwood and Brown county officials.

Main roads leading into the camp were made a little more serviceable Saturday with tons of rock and caliche, furnishing fairly good footing for swarming supply trucks.

All work that can be done in the misting rain will be pressed day and night in an effort to have the camp completed by December 27, the construction quartermaster's office announced.

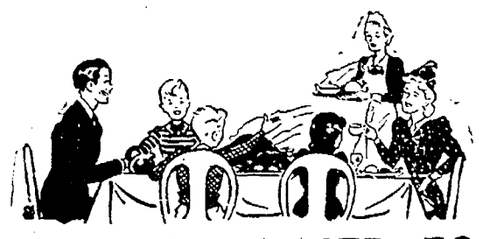
CITY HALL PUT ON BROWNSVILLE CLEAN-UP LIST

BROWNSVILLE — Even the Brownsville municipal building and city hall doesn't escape the eye of the Brownsville Fire Department inspectors and City Manager Ben Freudenstein Friday was handed the following notice:

"Rubbish, untidiness, ashes or trash in building. Trash or waste receptacles unsafe. Accumulation of empty boxes and barrels in building. Paint room and storeroom on second floor should be given thorough cleaning."

The report was signed by A. Briseno, inspector for the city fire marshal's office.

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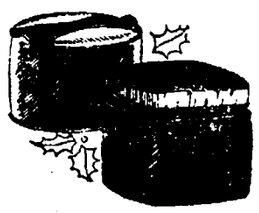


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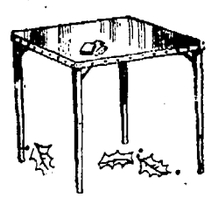
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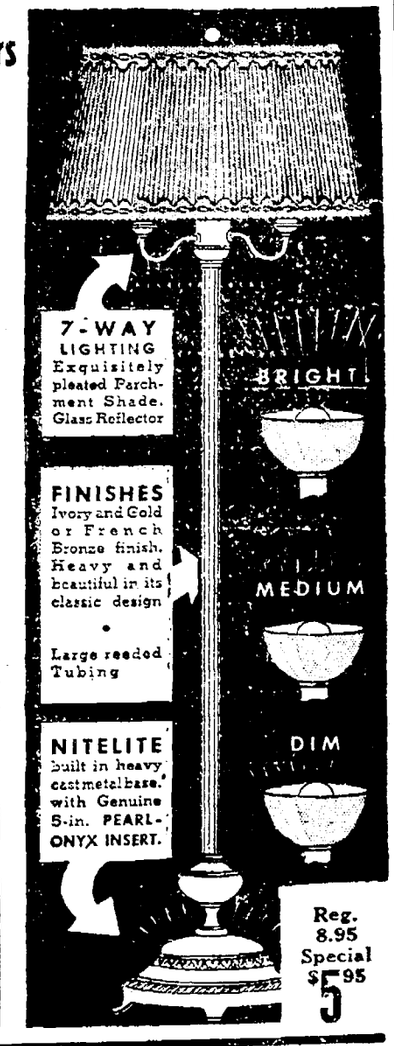
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CHICAGO—(AP)—Potatoes produced without soil or sunlight? Fabrics made without wool or cotton?

It can be done by the magic of electrochemistry, Dr. Colin G. Fink of Columbia University says.

Dr. Fink told the National Industrial Chemical conference Friday that while "it is difficult to prophesy without being fantastic" the artificial production of foodstuffs and fabrics is fully possible.

Fundamentally, Dr. Fink explained, the synthetic production of potatoes requires nothing more than the substitution of one form of energy, electricity, for another, light. Just as the sunlight furnishes the energy for plants to create starches, so electricity can be used as the energy for manufacturing these same compounds artificially.

In the synthetic production of potatoes, the constituents of potato starch—carbon, hydrogen and oxygen—are driven together to form the compound by means of electricity. This same "driving together," he said, is done in plants by light furnished by the sun.

Dr. Fink said that fabrics may be made electrically in the near future and that they may become more popular than natural wool or cotton.

This process would utilize the phoenomenon of electrophoresis—the migration of particles in a solution from one part to another brought on by an electric field.

By placing in solution various compounds, such as wood pulp or rayon, and then drawing the particles together electrically into "mats" or "tufts," out of which fabric can be woven, "a new textile industry may be born," he said.

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Class A-B All-Star Squad Named For Citrus Bowl Game Dec. 27

Coaches Pick 30 Gridders For Big Game

Tickets Go On Sale On Wednesday

HARLINGEN — The all-senior Class A and B squad which will meet the Class AA team in the Citrus Bowl game the night of December 27 in Harlingen, was named Saturday by Coaches Bob Martin of Mission and Ivo Schoppe of Donna.

All members of the 30-man squad have been approached, and all wish to play, so no changes are contemplated. The Citrus Bowl game is supposed, its sponsors said again Saturday, to match all-senior squads from the two groups.

AA Squad Named Soon

Coaches Brooks Conover and Dutch Flory of the AA squad have not been able to contact all of the eligible players of the AA teams yet, but expected Saturday to be able to announce personnel of their squad in another day or two.

Tickets go on sale Wednesday, Lions Clubs sponsors announced Saturday. They will be made available at all Valley cities simultaneously, it was stated, with all of the 12 sponsoring Lions Club having charge of the ticket sale.

Tickets Regular Price

As previously announced, the tickets will sell for prices similar to those charged for regular season games, being 50 cents for general admission, 75 cents for reserved seats, and 25 cents for school children. There will be approximately 800 reserved seats.

The 30-player squad announced by Coaches Schoppe and Martin includes five ends, six tackles, six guards, three centers, and 10 backs, drawn from the various Class A and Class B squads of the sector.

30 Men On Squad

Ends include Peeples and Tomme of Donna, Covington of Edcouch-Elsa, and Young and Seibert of Mercedes.

Tackles will be Bucy of Raymondville, Lagerstam of Lyford, Adame of Mercedes, Nusbaum of Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Hatchenberg of Weslaco and Kieddenger of Weslaco.

Guards are Johnson of Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Robie of Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Haning of Lyford, Guerra of Mission, Richardson of Donna and Snyder of Edcouch-Elsa.

Centers will be Kluckman of Raymondville, Delaney of Mercedes and Purdue of Pharr-San Juan-Alamo.

Backs include Villegas of Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Ross of Lyford, Wilson of Lyford, Garza of Mission, Avila of Donna, Wills of Donna, Foust of La Feria, Stevens of Weslaco, Dalton of Mercedes and Calloway of Raymondville.

Beginning of practice sessions will be announced soon. The Class A and B All-Stars will hold their practices on the Donna gridiron.

Schedule Is Set For Texas Mines

DALLAS — (AP) — Seven of nine Texas College of Mines football games for 1941 have been arranged and other has been tentatively scheduled, Mack Saxon, athletic director and head coach of the Border Conference team at El Paso said Saturday.

Saxon, one-time University of Texas great, said that either Gonzaga University's Bulldogs of Spokane or Marquette University Golden Avalanche of Milwaukee, Wis., would be met by his Miners at El Paso on November 15.

Games definitely scheduled include:

Sept. 27—Arizona State (Flagstaff) at El Paso.

Oct. 4—University of New Mexico at Albuquerque.

Oct. 11—Louisiana Tech at El Paso.

Oct. 25—Hardin-Simmons University at El Paso.

Nov. 1—University of Arizona at Tucson.

Nov. 8—Arizona State (Tempe) at Tempe.

Nov. 22—New Mexico Aggies at El Paso.

The Mines sports director said that another game would be scheduled for either mid-September or on October 18.

Majors To Open Season April 14

CHICAGO—(AP)— You can make your plans now for the opening of baseball's 1941 major league season.

On April 14 the New York Yankees will play at Washington for the sport's annual ceremonial start, major league officials decided. The next day the program for the big start will be:

National League: St. Louis at Cincinnati. Pittsburgh at Chicago. Boston at Philadelphia. New York at Brooklyn.

American League: Detroit at St. Louis. Chicago at Cleveland. Philadelphia at New York: Washington at Boston.

Athletics, Pirates To Meet Frequently

PHILADELPHIA —(AP)— Manager Connie Mack announced Saturday the Athletics had carded 39 spring exhibition games. These included:

April 5, Pittsburgh at El Paso, Tex; 6, Pittsburgh at El Paso; 7, Pittsburgh at Albuquerque, N. Mex.; 8, Pittsburgh at Clovis, N. Mex.; 9, Pittsburgh at Oklahoma [illegible] at [illegible] City.

The standard gauge of railways is 4 feet 8 1-2 inches.

Two Of The Class A-B All-Stars



Here are two of those 30 players forming the Class A and B All-Star team which will engage the AA All-Stars in the first annual Citrus Bowl charity game at Harlingen, the night of December 27. The youngster sidestepping the photographer (left) is Billy Wilson, 148-pound speedster who was one of the two big guns in the attack of Lyford's Class B champions. Wilson led Valley scorers this season with 86 points. The big fellow coming at you in the photo at right is Joe Adame, 200-pound tackle who was a power in the Mercedes line all season and a thorn in the side of Tiger opponents. He's going to be an awful lot of trouble to the AA boys December 27, and you can bet they all know it. (Staff Photos.)

Valley's Basketball Schedules

GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE

Tuesday, January 14
Brownsville at Edinburg
Harlingen at Mercedes
Raymondville vs. La Feria at Harlingen

Friday, January 17
Edinburg at Harlingen
Raymondville at Brownsville
La Feria at Mercedes

Tuesday, January 21
Raymondville at Edinburg
La Feria at Harlingen
Brownsville at Mercedes.

Friday, January 24
La Feria at Edinburg
Raymondville at Mercedes
Harlingen at Brownsville.

Tuesday, January 28
Mercedes at Edinburg
La Feria at Brownsville
Raymondville at Harlingen

Friday, January 31
Edinburg at Brownsville
Mercedes at Harlingen
Raymondville vs. La Feria at Harlingen

Tuesday, February 4
Harlingen at Edinburg
Raymondville at Brownsville
La Feria at Mercedes.

Friday, February 7
Raymondville at Edinburg
La Feria at Harlingen
Brownsville at Mercedes

Tuesday, February 11
Edinburg at La Feria
Raymondville at Mercedes
Brownsville at Harlingen

Friday, February 14
Edinburg at Mercedes
La Feria at Brownsville
Raymondville at Harlingen.

RIO LEAGUE

Tuesday, January 7
Weslaco at Edcouch
McAllen at Donna
Pharr at Mission

Tuesday, January 14
Weslaco at Pharr
McAllen at Mission
La Joya at Edcouch

Friday, January 17
La Joya at Pharr
Donna at Mission
McAllen at Weslaco

Tuesday, January 21
Edcouch at Pharr
Donna at Weslaco
La Joya at McAllen

Friday, January 24
Donna at La Joya
Edcouch at McAllen
Mission at Weslaco

Monday, January 27
Edcouch at Donna
Pharr at McAllen
Mission at La Joya

Wednesday, January 29
Mission at Edcouch
Weslaco at La Joya
Pharr at Donna

Friday, January 31
Edcouch at Weslaco
Donna at McAllen
Mission at Pharr

Monday, February
Pharr at Weslaco
Mission at McAllen
Edcouch at La Joya

Wednesday, February 5
Pharr at La Joya
Mission at Donna
Weslaco at McAllen

Friday, February 7
Pharr at Edcouch
Weslaco at Donna
McAllen at La Joya

Tuesday, February 11
La Joya at Donna
McAllen at Edcouch
Weslaco at Mission

Friday, February 14
Donna at Edcouch
McAllen at Pharr
La Joya at Mission

Tuesday, February 18
Edcouch at Mission
La Joya at Weslaco
Donna at Pharr

RIO GRANDE LEAGUE

December 17
Lyford at Los Fresnos
Santa Rosa at El Jardin
Rio Hondo at Wilson Tract
Stuart Place—Bye

December 19
Lyford at Wilson Tract
Stuart Place at El Jardin
Santa Rosa at Rio Hondo
Los Fresnos—Bye

January 7
Los Fresnos at Wilson Tract
Stuart Place at Rio Hondo
Lyford at Santa Rosa
El Jardin—Bye

January 14
Rio Hondo at El Jardin
Los Fresnos at Santa Rosa
Stuart Place at Lyford
Wilson Tract—Bye

January 17
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February 4
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El Jardin—Bye

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Stuart Place at Los Fresnos
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Lyford at Rio Hondo
Stuart Place at Wilson Tract
Los Fresnos at El Jardin
Santa Rosa—Bye

February 18
Stuart Place at Santa Rosa
Los Fresnos at Rio Hondo
El Jardin at Wilson Tract

Dizzy Buys Land

Arkansas' Hunting Lures Hurler

MORRILTON, Ark.—(AP)—Jerome "Dizzy" Dean, Chicago Cubs hurler, and Mrs. Dean became Arkansas landowners Saturday.

The Deans, who have been residing near Dallas, purchased a 258-acre farm at Bluffton, Yell county, from W. P. Strait, Morrilton attorney. Purchase price of the farm, on which is built a modern farm home, was not announced.

Dean told Strait that he intended to use the home as an off-season residence and hunting lodge. The land, 65 miles southwest of here, adjoins the huge Ouachita National Forest in which herds of deer roam.

Mission Begins Cage Practices

MISSION—Daily practice schedules for the 1940-41 Mission high school basketball team started this week under the direction of Coaches Bob Martin, Clarence Jarvis and Fritz Lehnhoff.

Four lettermen are included on the squad—Harold Ewald, Alfredo Flores, Wade Spilman and Tommy Landry. Others on the squad are Billy Smith, Howard Killinger, Robert Valadez, Sebastian Gonzales, Chico Castillo, Oscar Ramirez, Amador Hinojosa and Audencio Mungia.

Playing in the Rio League with La Joya, McAllen, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Donna, Weslaco and Edcouch-Elsa, the Mission team will play a two-game series with each school, one on the home court and one on the other team's court.

Unless lights are installed, all the home games will be played in the afternoon on the dirt courts located south of the football field. The first game scheduled is set for January 7 at Mission, when the Eagles play the Tri-City Bears.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Corpus Christi 6; Jeff Davis (Houston) 0.

Amarillo 27; El Paso 0.

Paris 6; Masonic Home 6 (Masonic Home won on penetrations)

Pearsall 6; Alice 0 (Region 10 C[illegible]

Fredericksburg 0; San Marcos 0 (Fredericksburg won on penetration—Region 9 Class A championship)

McAllen Netters Defeat Edinburg

McALLEN — The McAllen high school tennis squad coached by J. Lyle Hill opened the 1940-41 season Friday by defeating the Edinburg school team 3-1 at Edinburg.

Despite chilly weather and early season rustiness the matches were well-played and closely contested.

McAllen's C. H. Britton Jr., won the senior singles match by defeating Bobby Homan of Edinburg 9-7 and 6-0, while Carl Bright of Edinburg defeated Edward Lappart in the junior singles match 6-2, 6-2. McAllen won both doubles matches, with Marlin Chalk and Madison Smith defeating Jack Bright and Buster Baldridge 6-1, 6-3 in the senior round, while Kenny Wiesehan and Madison Smith downed Chester Henson and Jim Hass 6-3, 6-3, in the junior event. No girls' matches were played since the Edinburg squad has not yet started training.

A return match, with the Edinburg team visiting the McAllen high school courts, is to be arranged at an early date. McAllen is also arranging matches with San Benito, Pharr and other Valley high school teams.

Pittsburgh To Have Toughest Training

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — The Pittsburgh Pirates of the National Baseball League announced Saturday night the "longest and toughest" spring training schedule in the club's history.

Playing in five states and 15 cities, the Pirates will run through a 37-game training schedule between March 7 and April 15, when they open the National League's 1941 season.

Exhibition games scheduled, include:

[illegible] Paso, Tex.; 7, Athletics at Albuquerque, N. M.; 8, Athletics at Clovis, N. M.; 9 and 10, Athletics at Oklahoma City, Okla.

Joe Louis Signs For March Fight

KANSAS CITY—(AP)—Gabe Kaufman, promoter, said Saturday he Tex; 6, Pittsburgh at El Paso; 7, heavyweight boxing championship here sometime in March.

An elimination series to select Louis' challenger will start the first week in January, Kaufman said.

The promoter listed as eligible midwest heavyweights Paul Hartneken, Kenocha, Wis.; Tony Novak, Kansas City; Carl Vinciquerra, Omaha; Neville Beach, Memphis; Dan Dowling, St. Louis; Bob Skies, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Tony Musto, Chicago.

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Nelson Has Three Shot Miami Lead

PGA Champ Is Nine Below Par

By LARRY ROLLINS

MIAMI SPRINGS, Fla.—(AP)—Lord Byron Nelson, smooth-stroking PGA champion, took a commanding three-shot lead in the $10,000 Miami Open golf tournament Saturday with a 67, his third consecutive sub-par round, for a 54-hole total of 201.

One by one, most of the other golfers dropped back, while Nelson rhythmically fashioned his three-under-par score, tacking it onto previous rounds of 69 and 65. That made Nelson, National Open Champion last year, nine below par for the distance.

Heafner Has 69

Clayton Heafner of Linville, N. C., who finished his second round early Saturday for a 67, managed to clip another stroke off par with a third round 69. Only a short way behind Nelson starting the third round, Heafner had a 54-hole 204.

Ben Hogan of White Plains, N. Y., dropped back with a par 70 for a 206 total.

Hogan-Snead Even

Hogan, battling to clinch the year's money-winning title and the Vardon Trophy in this final tournament, found himself all-square at the three-quarter mark with his arch-rival, Sam Snead, from Hot Springs, Va.

Snead finished with a 67 that showed seven birdies and four bogeys to close in on Hogan.

Other scores included:

Mike Turnesa, Fairview, N. Y., 139-68—207

Harold McSpaden, Winchester, Mass., 139-69—208

Willie Goggin, Miami, 140-69—209

Ben Loving, Springfield, Mass., 137-72—209

Ky. Laffoon, Miami, Okla., 143-70—213

Jimmy Demaret, Houston, 142-72—214.

Golden Gloves To Be Staged In Feb.

FORT WORTH—(AP)—Machinery has been set in operation for the fifth annual Texas Golden Gloves tournaments.

Officials of the Star-Telegram, sponsors of the program, announced Saturday five new district centers had been granted, to Big Spring, Olney, Corsicana, Temple and O'essa.

District tournaments in 20 cities will send champions in eight weight divisions to Fort Worth for the state tournament February 15-16-17-19.

Any boy, over 16 years of age who has never fought for money, is eligible to compete.

The Star-Telegram turns all Golden Gloves profits over to charities.

Other district tournaments will be held at Houston, Amarillo, Lubbock, Dallas, Tyler, Brownwood, Abilene, San Antonio, Follett, Austin, Childress, Wichita Falls, Fort Worth, Stephenville, and Beaumont.

Clarkson Makes Rice All-Opponent Eleven

HOUSTON —(AP)— Four players from Texas A. & M. and Stuart Clarkson, Little All-American center from Texas A. & I., were named on the all-opponent team selected by the Rice Owls.

The backfield consists of Kimbrough and Thomason of A. & M., Gillespie of Texas Christian and Wilson of Baylor. Linemen are Russel, Baylor, and Henderson, A. & M., ends; Bynum Arkansas, and Pannell, A. & M., tackles; Sington, Arkansas, and Sherrod, T. C. U., guards, and Clarkson, center.

Russell and Kimbrough were unanimous choices.

Canadians are looking forward to the exportation of Christmas trees to the United States this year because it will help establish foreign exchange for the purchase of war supplies.

Aggie-Fordham Press Agents Play To Draw In Hotel Room

By FELIX R. McKNIGHT

DALLAS—(AP)— Sorry, folks, but the Cotton Bowl game was played Saturday.

And it's just as well that you missed it.

It was a rainy, murky day and the final score must mave been Fordham 73, Texas Aggies 73. It may have been more, but it's certain it wasn't a point less, on either side.

Cold rain, forerunner of a predicted snow, drove the players inside. The whole thing went off in a snug hotel room. Two armchair quarterbacks went 60 minutes —at least — and every score came through the air.

For the Fordhams there was a brilliant triple-threater named Tom Deegan, a rather obscure lad over the regular season, who pulled adjective after adjective out of his brief case and hurled them with incredible accuracy. He hit a sports writer with every toss.

Bald, bespectacled Byron Winstead, obviously inspired for the game, carried the Aggie torch and matched Fordham's whirlwind aerial show with a verb barrage that roused one scribe out of an arm chair and dropped him on a bed.

There were no injuries. Winstead just missed a slight case of indigestion by attempting to down a sweet roll and graphically describe Jarrin' Jawn Kimbrough's power drives on the same play. But he got both downs—the sweet roll and Kimbrough's first down.

Publicity men for college football teams never seem to get hurt. And they play the game hard. Just listen to the play-byplay:

Fordham's Deegan: "Our boys are very high on this Texas Aggie game down here in the Cotton Bowl. Why? They want to show the country they can lick the Aggies, rated one of the best teams for the past two years."

The Aggies' Winstead: "Imagine that—lick the Aggies! Why—"

Deegan: "Wait until you see Steve Filipowicz, our sophomore back. Great passer, runner and all-around ball player. Of course, there's Len Eshmont, one of the best running backs in the country, and Jim Blumenstock and Jimmy Noble—"

Winstead: "No doubt they're nice fellows, but our backfield will be solid again with Quarterback Marion Pugh in shape again. We'll try stumbling along with John Kimbrough, Jim Thomason, Bill Conatser and Pugh—"

Downstairs in the Cotton Bowl headquarters a relatively unimportant announcement was made. Ticket reservations had crept near the 40,000 mark— three weeks before the game, the one to be played outdoors. The stadium capacity is 46,000.

'Soup Bowl' Tilt Monday

Postponement Forced By Weather

BROWNSVILLE— Stymied by a downpour Friday night, Brownsville Lions and Kiwanis clubs will play their football classic, the "Soup Bowl" game, Monday at 8 p. m. on Tucker Field here.

Heavy rain forced postponement of the tilt which was billed as a Friday the 13th "lucky number" contest.

Bob Jackson will lead the defending champion Lions Monday night, and Robin Pate will quarterback the Kiwis.

The Lions won the only other grid tilt between the two squads in 1937 on a last minute pass by County Attorney Jack Wiech for a 6-0 decision.

Congressman Milton West will conduct a patriotic rally during halftime Monday night.

Proceeds of the game will be donated to the Brownsville Band Boosters Association band fund. The Brownsville high school band will play a concert during the contest.

13 Cards Letter

Only Three Return For 1941 Play

HARLINGEN — Letters were awarded to 13 members of the Harlingen Cardinals, Valley Class AA champions, Friday night, when the Cards were guests at annual football banquet staged by Pep Squad members.

The letters went to Jack McMahan, Ned Davis, Mike Jurosek, Russell Rose, John Queen, Charles Amidon, Duke Rose, Maurice Waitman, Frank Witherspoon, Billy Joe Livingston, Ray Baker, Jimmy Grant, and John Hubert Weed. Only Amidon, Baker and Grant will return for another season of play.

The lettermen and the rest of the squad all received gold footballs, each bearing the raised letter "H" and raised "Champions." Squadmen receiving these awards were: Carl Lamneck, Robin Burdette, Bill Gilday, George Herren, Earl Pomerenk, Glenn Smith, Darrell Manley, John Milton Morris, Wilbur Altus, Billy Cole, Frank Corso, James Cary, Billy Younkin and Tony Baczewski. Of this group of 14 squadmen, 10 will return, only Burdette, Pomerenk, Cary and Baczewski finishing.

Other awards given Friday night to Billy Joe Livingston, named best blocker by his teammates, and Mike Jurosek, whom his mates said displayed the best attitude. Ned Davis and Duke Rose were named co-captains by the squad in post season election.

Yankees Still Lead In Homerun Hitting

CHICAGO—(AP)—One of the surprises of the 1940 sports season was the failure of the New York Yankees to retain their American League championship, but the power of their bats is reflected in the official circuit averages of league records broken and tied during the last campaign.

The Yanks stretched their total of years in leading in home runs to 21 for a new major league mark and also made it 19 years in which they have made 100 or more homers a season—16 of them consecutive.

Amarillo Is 27-0 Winner Over El Paso

Score 21 Points In First Quarter

AMARILLO—(AP)—Playing on a field thinly coated with snow, the Golden Sandstorm of Amarillo mixed passing with a crushing running attack to defeat the El Paso High Tigers 27-0 here Saturday in the state schoolboy football quarterfinals.

17-Degree Weather

Only 1,200 fans braved 17-degree weather to see the Sandies march through the Tiger defense and successfully defend their icy goal line against a constantly threatening passing attack.

Harold Harlow, reserve fullback, raced 19 yards around left end for the first touchdown in the opening period. Baker added the extra point.

Recovering a kickoff fumbled on the El Paso 35, the Sandies quickly scored six more points when Scud Redu, end, took a pass from Harlow on the 16 and raced over. Baker again kicked the point.

21 Points In First Period

A 48-yard drive paid off again just before the first quarter ended when Harlow passed to Dub Wooten for 23 yards. Baker made his third conversion.

In the fourth period M. T. Johnson, in the game for the first time, went 21 yards for the final touchdown. Baker missed the point.

Starting lineups:

El Paso	Pos.	Amarillo
Allen	LE	Redus
Wadlington	LT	Priola
Marmalejo	LG	Page
M. Palafox	C	Burden
Abraham	RG	Collins
Calderson	RT	Wall
Cherno	RE	Wooten
Squires	QB	Martin
Frazier	LH	Harlow
Minas	RH	Baker
Browne	FB	Clark

Amarillo scoring: Touchdowns, Harlow, Redus, Wooten, Johnson; points from try after touchdown, Baker 3 (placements).

McAllen Grid Teams Honored Wednesday

McALLEN—The Bulldog Boosters Club will stage a banquet for the McAllen junior and senior high school football teams Wednesday night, December 18, instead of December 19 as originally announced, T. W. Kelly of the Boosters said Saturday.

The dinner will be held at the junior high school cafeteria.

The football players and their coaches will be guests of grid fans, who will pay $1 each for two plates, one for himself and the other for a player.

Not a single case of active tuberculosis was discovered this year by physicians who examined 4,000 new students at the University of Michigan. On the basis of past records they had expected to find about 15.

Sites Selected

School Semi - Final Grid Games Set

By The Associated Press

Both semi-final games of the Texas schoolboy football race will be played on Saturday and at opposite ends of the state.

Masonic Home will meet Amarillo at Amarillo and Temple plays Corpus Christi at Corpus Christi.

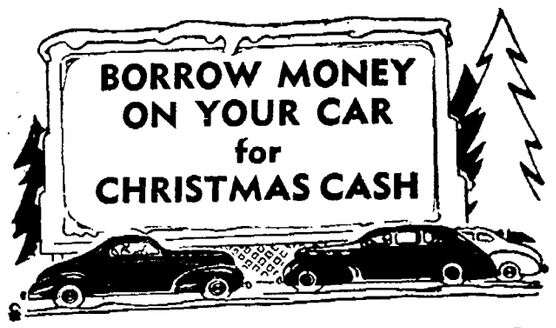
The Mason-Amarillo site was determined by flip of a coin as the two teams had not met in the last six years.

Temple had to go to Corpus Christi because the teams last played at Temple (1938), and the contest was in less than six years.

An English poet who arrived recently in the United States reported she had not slept in a real bed for several months.

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Corpus Christi Beats Houston Team 6-0 To Enter Semi-Finals

Bucs First To Score On Jeff Davis

Face Temple At Port City Saturday

By WILLIAM T. RIVES

HOUSTON —(AP)— The only team to score a touchdown against Jeff Davis High this season bounced the Panthers right out of the schoolboy football race here Saturday.

Corpus Christi's potent ground game brought it a 6-0 victory over Jeff Davis in the state quarter finals, giving the Buccaneers the right to meet Temple in the semifinals at Corpus Christi next week. Corpus and Temple will meet at Corpus Christi Saturday.

Bucs Superior

The margin of the Buccaneers was slim but their superiority was great. They rolled up 106 yeards on the ground while Jeff Davis struggled for 30.

The touchdown came in the second period at the end of a 66-yard drive, which began late in the opening quarter.

Jack Creager and Joe Clark, sledge hammer backs, plowed all the way except for one 23 yard pass from Creager to another back, Drexel White.

Creager Scores

The touchdown was scored from the four yard line on first down, with Creager breezing around left end behind perfect blocking. Ed Kelley, Davis great left end, blocked tackle Joe Mitchell's try for point.

Fumbles proved costly to Davis, Corpus recovering three.

Twice the bobbles came down around the 25 yard line, which was as close as Davis got to Corpus Christi's goal line.

Starting lineup:

Jeff Davis	Pos.	Corpus Christi
Kelley	LE	Bacak
Wyman	LT	Haman
Perry	LG	Brown
Rasmussen	C	Kavoras
Hill	RG	Isenberger
Key	RT	Mitchell
Lobenstein	RE	Sturdivant
Bloxom	QB	Clark
Lobue	LH	Creager
Mack	RH	Fowler
Levey	FB	Dowdy

Scoring: Corpus Christi—touchdown, Creager.

Five Lettermen For PSJA Cagers

PHARR — With five lettermen back from last year's cage team, Coach Brick Decker opened basketball practice this week with daily workouts on the outdoor portable hardwood court.

Lettermen back are Eddie Wright, Kenneth Risinger, Billy York, Wallace Bell and Muriel Coley. Bell is recuperating from an appendectomy while Coley is recovering from a broken leg sustained in the football season and neither will be able to work out for two or more weeks.

The Bears are in the Rio League and are bracketed with Mission, La Joya, McAllen, Donna, Weslaco and Edcouch-Elsa. They will play 12 games or a double round robin and the three-top teams of the league will go to the district for the play offs.

Others out for the team are: Donnie Earl Clark, Harvey Risinger, Max Burkhart, Paul Pritchard, Mickey Allen, Joe Tanner, Alfred Sorensen, John Roy Rieboldt, Don Slate, Clinton Scott, Paul Addison Flowers and Russell Dunning.

Louisiana Normal Beats Sooner Team

NATCHITOCHES, La.—(AP)— The Louisiana Normal College Demons defeated Southeastern State of Durant, Okla., 23-21 Saturday night to even their two-game basketball series. The Oklahomans won Friday night 40-28.

Southeastern held a 15-12 lead at the half. Frizzell of Southeastern was high scorer with 10 points.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Indiana 53; Marshall 22
Penn State 35; Colgate 21
Kansas State 54; Doane College 27
Minnesota 32; Idaho 26
Marquette 20; Nebraska 5
Wisconsin 44; Notre Dame 43
Southern Louisiana Institute 36; Springfield Teachers 33
Arkansas Tech 31; Sapulpa (Okla) Junior College 28
Arkansas 46; Drury College (Springfield, Mo) 20.
Cornell 57; Lafayette 21
Butler 51; Ohio State 49
Case 50; Carnegie Tech 46
Michigan 36; Michigan Normal 16
Long Island U. 43; Oregon 31
Chicago 27; Illinois Tech 22
St. Olaf 35; South Dakota State 33
Pittsburg (Kan) Teachers 34; Tulsa 39
Okla. Northwestern Okla. State 47; Panhandle (Goodwell, Okla) Aggies 33
East Texas State Teachers 40; Dallas Railway 37
Texas 52; Southwest Texas Teachers 36
SMU 52; North Texas Teachers 50
Oklahoma A. and M. 32; City College (NY) 24
Dartmouth 44; Fordham 40
Yale 74; Trinity 40
Iowa State 31; Bradley 28
Warrenburg, Mo. Teachers 45; Wichita U. 38
U. of Missouri 34; St. Louis U. 31
New Mexico Mines 34; New Mexico Aggies 29
Arizona State Teachers College Flagstaff 27; Arizona State Teachers College at Tempe 29
West Texas 52; Morningside 41
New Mexico State 28; San Diego State 39
Washburn 35; Emporia State 24

Canada's death rate is lower than the United States'.

Christman Wants $10,000



And who doesn't? Paul Christman, University of Missouri passing star, says he's more interested in Miss Inez Potter, his fiancee, with whom he is shown looking over house plans, than he is in playing pro football. It'll take $10,000 says Paul, to get him to play with the Chicago Cardinals, who drafted him.

New York's Yankees Chosen Year's Top Disappointment

NEW YORK —(AP)— The tumble of the mighty Yankees into their place in the American League race after they had been made odds on favorites in the winter book has been voted the outstanding disappointment of 1940 by the nation's sports editors.

Of 72 writers who participated in the Associated Press poll, 40 put the finger on the world champions who flopped from the start and only by a sensational late season drive escaped from the second division.

Runner-up for this dubious distinction was the Notre Dame football team, which started the past season with a marvelous display of fireworks and then sputtered out.

The Yankees, with their 40 first place votes and a smattering of seconds and thirds, polled a total of 125 points. Notre Dame, chosen the champion flop by eight editors, had 36 points, only one more than was given the Ohio State Buckeyes, who were regarded as Big Nine championship timber when the football season opened and before losing their shirts.

The Cleveland Indians grabbed fourth honors, partly because they let a handsome lead over the American League slip away from them in the closing weeks and partly because the electorate thought they were disappointing personally in their spat with Manager Oscar Vitt.

The Cornell gridders came next with 12 points, while Johnny Paychek, the Des Moines heavyweight, scored 11 points for getting knocked out by Joe Louis in the second round.

Cotton Bowl Setup Okeh

Conference Dads To Leave It Alone

DALLAS—(AP)—Faculty representatives of the Southwest Conference Saturday passed over formal discussions on the Cotton Bowl classic with a statement "the setup will continue as established."

President Henry Trantham of Baylor University said faculty committee members were pleased with the present operation. No action was taken on the subject of pledging the conference champion to the game.

Two of the seven members, Texas and Texas A. and M., were opposed to the move the past season.

Dr. Trantham said the matter of certifying freshmen athletics for varsity competition in the event a national emergency caught many college boys in the army draft, was not formally discussed. He said the matter would be taken up if, and when, conditions warranted action, but minimized such a possibility.

Golf, tennis and track meets will be held at Austin next spring on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the second week in May. The cross country meet was awarded to Southern Methodist and fencing to Baylor.

James H. Stewart of Southern Methodist was elected president of the Southwest Conference Coaches Business Managers and Athletic Director's Association, replacing Gaylor Johnson, retiring Rice business manager.

Texas Conference Sets Rigid Rules

DALLAS—(AP)—Rigid rules concerning eligibility of Texas Conference athletes were promulgated by conference representatives here Saturday.

Dr. J. C. Goddey, secretary, said teams would be restricted to a 30-man limit and that any school failing to meet all eligibility requirements would forfeit games in which violations were detected.

Names of all eligible players must be submitted before Sept. 25 to the secretary on eligibility blanks. Any players not reported by then will be ineligible for play during the season.

Dr. Goddey said it was generally agreed expenses of the league had to be pared, although there was no talk of abandonment of any program.

Conference track and field, golf and tennis dates were set for the second week in May, at Brownwood.

Tennis Entries Deadline Dec. 21

AUSTIN—(AP)—Entries for the boys and juniors indoor United States singles and doubles championship tennis tournament must be filed by Dec. 21, D. A. Penick, president of the Texas Tennis Association, announced Saturday.

Dr. Penick, University of Texas tennis coach, said registration numbers and entry fees of $2 for singles and $3 per team for doubles should be addressed to H. Charles Rawlins, 216 Fuller Building, 10 South 18th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Doubles entries have until Dec. 27 to file.

The association president added the tournament, to be held in Camden, N. J., will start Dec. 26 and will be open to boys not yet 15 years old and juniors not yet 18 on last Jan. 1.

Of college graduates in the United States, 58 per cent of the men and 61 per cent of the women never have been out of jobs.

Ponies To Play Fordham In 1941

DALLAS—(AP)—Southern Methodist University's 1941 football schedule was completed Saturday with the Arkansas game set for Fayetteville.

The schedule includes a game with the Fordham University Rams, who play the Texas Aggies in the Cotton Bowl game here New Year's Day. SMU and Fordham are even in their series, each with a victoory.

The schedule:

Sept. 27—North Texas State at Dallas.
Oct. 4—Fordham in New York City.
Oct. 11—College of the Pacific at Tyler.
Oct. 18—Alabama Poly (Auburn) at Birmingham, Ala.
Nov. 1—University of Texas at Dallas.
Nov. 8—Texas A. and M. at College Station.
Nov. 15—University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Ark.
Nov. 22—Baylor University at Dallas.
Nov. 29—Texas Christian University at Fort Worth.
Dec. 6—Rice Institute at Dallas.

14 Eagles Will Receive Letters

MISSION—Fourteen members of the district champions Mission Eagles football team will receive sweaters and letters while the remaining 10 squad men will receive awards.

Four of the lettermen are seniors, including Donald Bentsen, J. T. Garrie, Louis Moore, and Cuco Garza. Others are Darroll Martin, Jimmy Mchis, Donald Albrecht, Carroll Martin, Lupe Motes, Tommy Landry, A. B. Ward, Arnaldo Vera, Chico Castillo, and Audencio Munguia.

Awards will be presented to Sam Hileman, O. V. Bridges, Jr., Ovideo Guzman, Chano Guerra, Manuel Guerra, Oscar Saenz, Oscar Ramirez, Zelmo Hinojosa, George Rigler, Inez Pinon, and Roy Baker.

Sweaters and awards have been ordered and will be presented in a high school assembly as soon as the shipment arrives.

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Six Members Of Texas A.&I. Squad On Little All-America

KINGSVILLE—When the Associated Press completed selection of the Little All-American football players for 1940, Texas A. & I. College was just short of a complete lineup of all-Americans. No less than six (count 'em s-i-x) Javelinas, members of the squad which sports writers at first called "most ambitious team in America," then "America's toughest little college eleven" were mentioned in the AP list released this week.

Big Stuart Clarkson, probably the Southwest's most spectacular lineman in all classifications, was named first string center, of course. Clarkson had stolen practically every show he had been in all season, even shoving "Jarrin' Jawn" Kimbrough over for a share of the spotlight, and being named by the Texas Aggies as first string center on their all-oponents eleven. He had drawn praise from San Jose's Coach Pop Warner, A. & M.'s Homer Norton, and Rice's Jess Neely.

Both of A. & I.'s great ends, Russell Jensen, Austin, and Warren Arnold, Liberty, received mention. Jensen was all-Texas Conference end last year on the St. Edwards squad, and Arnold was all-Alamo Conference with the 1939 Javelinas.

Morris Reese, Yoakum, another all-Alamo Conference player at guard, was mentioned on the AP selections.

Francis "Sacks" Mattingly, Beeville's Javelina piledriver, was included in the runners-up for fullback, while J. P. Hilliard, scat back from Orange, was among the backfield list. Mattingly was almost unanimous choice for all conference last year.

All of these men except Arnold are juniors at A. & I. and will have one more year of eligibility with the Javelinas.

Penetration Win Goes To Masonic 11

Play 6-6 Draw With Paris Wildcats

FORT WORTH —(AP)— Masonic Home's little rascals came from behind to tie the score 6-6 and win on penetrations over Paris in the quarter-finals of the Texas schoolboy football race here Saturday.

Paris counted a touchdown in the second period with Buryl Baty dashing 22 yards through the Masonic Home line but Dewitt Coulter blocked his try for extra point—and that meant the ball game.

Penalty Helps

Because in the fourth period, with the Masons leading on penetrations and first downs, a ruling of interference on a pass play gave Masonic Home the ball on the Paris 3-yard line from where Gordy Brown plunged over.

It was the fourth time since the school entered Class AA football in 1932 that Masonic Home reached the semi-final round.

Sunset Similar Victim

The Home footballers advanced to the quarterfinals last week by the penetrations route after playing a 7-7 tie with Dallas Sunset.

Saturday the Masons led the Wildcats in penetrations 4-1. Four times the Home's bristling attack carried inside the Wildcats' five yard line. Three times the Masons were stopped on the Paris one-foot line. And the Home, though it deserved the victory, needed a break of sorts in the form of the pass interference penalty to score.

The starting lineups:

Paris	Pos.	Masons
B. White	LE	R. Coulter
Inzer	LT	Lewis
Wooldridge	LG	Moseley
Abbett	C	Robbins
J. White	RG	Cagle
Jack	RT	D. Coulter
Jordan	RE	Roach
May	QB	Sealey
Henderson	LH	Smith
Baty	RH	Roberts
Sheffield	FB	Brown

Paris Scoring: Touchdown, Baty. Masonic Home scoring: Touchdown, Brown.

Okla. Aggies Win

Beat C. C. N. Y. Five In Garden Tilt

NEW YORK — (AP) — Invading schools broke even in the opening of Madison Square Garden's college basketball season Saturday night when the Oklahoma Aggies whipped a highly touted City College five 32 to 24 after Long Island University had turned back Oregon 43 to 31.

A crowd of 18,325, seven more than the Garden's previous high, saw the Aggies build up a 11 point lead in the first half and then surge back in the last seven minutes after City had driven within five points.

Lanky Vern Schwertfeger paced the Aggies with nine points.

Tempe Practices For Bowl Contest

TEMPE, Ariz.—(AP)—The Bulldogs of Arizona State Teachers College at Tempe donned shorts and tossed footballs around for a couple of hours Saturday to keep in condition for their New Year's Day contest with Western Reserve of Cleveland in the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Texas.

Coach Dixie Howell scheduled strenuous practice drills for next week.

Olin Mason, giant Tempe tackle who has been sidelined with a fractured ankle, returned to practice Saturday. Halfback Haschall Henshaw remained at home with a touch of influenza.

Flu Causes Indians To Delay Practices

PALO ALTO, Calif.—(AP)—Advised that 15 to 20 of his players were still suffering from after-effects of the "flu," Coach Clark Shaughnessy postponed the start of Stanford's Rose Bowl football practice until Monday.

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Santone Man Wants Rainbow Trout

AUSTIN —(AP)— Refrigerating a portion of a Texas river to bring Rainbow trout fishing to this state may be a fisherman's dream—but not to Richard H. Friedrich of San Antonio.

Friedrich, the state game department says, enjoys sport fishing like that in Colorado and would like to do it right in his own back yard, so to speak.

Refrigeration is his line and has been his life work. Rainbow trout and Brown trout can't live in water which reaches a temperature higher than 68 degrees.

So, Friedrich is toying with the idea of putting part of a running mountain stream in the Bear Creek ranch near Kerrville in a sort of an ice box, raising a school or two of trout and inviting his friends to real sport.

To that extent, the game department says, Friedrich has imported 6,000 Rainbow trout and 1,000 Lochleven or Brown trout from Colorado, a portion of which he has given the state for its Ingram hatchery.

The rest he has dumped into a dammed-off section of a stream on the ranch.

He has informed the game department that if the trout don't live through next summer, he's going to use artificial refrigeration to bring down the stream's temperature.

Tempe Teachers Win Game From Flagstaff

TEMPE, Ariz.—(AP)—A long shot in the last 20 seconds of play by Nick Johnson gave Arizona State Teachers College at Tempe a 29-27 victory over Arizona State Teachers College at Flagstaff here Saturday night.

Tempe swept the two-game Border Conference series. The score Friday night was 35-24.

Did Better First Time



Six weeks ago Steve Belloise had middleweight champion Ken Overlin on the floor in their title bout (above). But he let the experienced Overlin get away. Friday night they met again, but this time there were no knockdowns for Overlin as he gave Belloise a boxing lesson in a bout where the decision was never in doubt.

Herman Rohrig Is Nebraska Back Who Delivers In Pinch

LINCOLN, Neb.—(AP)—They dubbed Herman Rohrig the "Rubber Man" of the Nebraska football team and like a rubber ball he's been bouncing up in the pinches for three years.

He's the little man of the Husker backfield squad, carrying 180 pounds on a five foot, nine inch frame. Like a lot of others on the squad he doesn't talk much—not even about the coming Nebraska-Stanford Rose Bowl game.

Herman started playing football in grade school and skipped away on a long touchdown run the first time he ever got his hands on the ball.

After gaining all-state fame at Lincoln high school, he entered the university in 1938 and started building a reputation as a runner. That year his sturdy legs churned up the field for a 90-yard touchdown run with a Missouri kickoff.

Last year he really went to town. He ran 80 yards with a Kansas State punt to wipe out a 3 to 0 lead that team had gained over Nebraska, and in other games played bob in general with opponents through long jaunts that meant victories for Nebraska.

The reputation he gained was such that this year Nebraska opponents kicked out of bounds whenever Herman was in the game.

Then he started passing more, winding up the season with a better than .500 average—including a three-act one man show against Missouri when, handicapped by a shoulder injury, he passed twice to get a touchdown then kicked the extra point.

He blazed again in his last home game. There were but seconds to play in the first half of the Kansas State game and the score was 0 to 0 when Harry Hopp, who shares time with Rohrig, was hurt. Rushed, Rohrig faded to pass, couldn't find a receiver and ran 25 yards for the touchdown that broke down the visitors and placed Nebraska up in front for the Rose Bowl bid.

"That one," said Rohrig, "was just for Hopp."

Bomber Faces Al M'Coy In Monday Bout

Champ Expected To Win Easily

BOSTON—(AP)— Boston and New England fistic fans are all steamed up about Monday's heavyweight title bout at Boston Garden between Champion Joe Louis and Challenger Al McCoy, but the consensus from the man in the street is that he'll have to get there early.

McCoy Confident

About the only ones who don't figure the Brown Bomber to pack his opponent away in one of the early rounds are McCoy himself and his manager, Bill Brennan, who thinks so much of his charge's chances against the champion that he has money bet on the challenger to win.

Louis wound up his boxing drills Saturday while McCoy toped his preparation with a little road work and some drilling in the gym. Both plan to take things easy Sunday and meet for the first time Monday at the weighing-in ceremonies.

Bomber Ready

The champion had no comment on Monday's bout except the brief statement:

"I'm ready."

McCoy promises to be throwing punches right from the start.

"I never felt better than I do for this one," McCoy said Saturday night. "I've got a hunch I can beat this boy and I'll be in there pitching all the way. You won't see me running any foot-race."

Denver University Defeats Hawaii U.

HONOLULU—(AP)—Denver University's football team spotted University of Hawaii to a ten-point lead in the first half and then surged ahead with a two-touchdown drive in the second half to win 19 to 16. The Hawaiians failed to score in the second half.

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Interpreting The War News

British Morale Soars

Axis Air Power Has Failed, But Expert Is Puzzled Over Reasons; Oil Scarce?

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON

Tremendous stimulation of British public morale has resulted from Greek and British victories over Italian forces in the east.

There are other factors, however, than the smashing blows struck at Italy to account for British confidence in the ultimate outcome of the war. The full fury of Hitler's boasted air power has been tested and proved ineffective to end the war quickly in a British defeat.

Prime Minister Churchill told his people six months ago, when France fell, that the crux of the war lay in Britain's power to "break Hitler's air weapon." It has not been broken; but its edge has been dulled. It has failed to crack British morale, failed to open the way for Nazi invasion of England; failed as yet to bring a real starvation specter before English eyes in the war at sea.

English skies still are dominated in daylight by Britain's fighter pilots. Only at night do the heavy blows fall which Hitler said would lay England in ruins. Within six months the German attack has been deflected from England's weakest flank, the air, to her strongest, the sea. Nazi air-submarine-surface craft assaults on England's sea life lines now holds the greatest menace to Britain.

British hopes of attaining victory years sooner than her leaders had reckoned possible six months ago are clearly indicated. The late Lord Lothian, ambassador to Washington, in his last message urging expedited American help, foresaw possibilities of smashing Germany next year or in 1942. He did not live to learn the full score of Italian disasters on two war fronts.

Double Mystery Here

There is a double mystery in this war. It involves both German and Italian air power, the prime element on which the Axis mates relied in challenging British sea power.

Italy's boasted air force signally failed her in Greece, Albania and Egypt. Just why is known only in Italy. If London knew, it might have the final answer to the war's outcome.

Germany has not only failed to crush England through the air, but also to reach the crescendo of air attack her air superiority seemed to make possible. Just why Nazi bombers have not come over England in thousands night after night instead of hundreds and why there are lapses between mass attacks is known only in Germany.

Weeks ago, Churchill told Parliament that approximately 500 planes within a 24-hour period had been the maximum German attack but might be only a fraction of what would be attained. It has not since been exceeded, even by Berlin war accounting.

Those Queer Lulls

London recently knew two full days and nights of bombing surcease in the wake of a great mass night attack. Other English cities had like experiences. They have come to expect a day or so of breathing spell after each air blow.

There is obviously some supply or transportation bottle-neck limiting full employment of both Italian and German air power. It may be gasoline, or merely the difficulties of organization and supply transportation. The German air attack on England is based along 2,000 miles of the German-held continental coastal area of Europe.

A 500-plane daily attack burns up a huge quantity of fuel. If Germany is raiding her war reserve stocks now to supply it and lack of fuel has grounded Italian planes much needed in Albania and Egypt, Britain's victory hopes are justified. If it is not lack of fuel hampering Axis air power at both ends, what is it?

WALLY QUITS HER HOSPITAL

Recovers From Her Tooth Operation



DUCHESS OF WINDSOR

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—Nearing complete recovery from her operation for removal of an infected tooth, the Duchess of Windsor and her royal husband went to a hotel tower apartment in Coral Gables Saturday for a few days' rest before returning to Nassau.

They motored from St. Francis Hospital at Miami Beach, making a two-hour sight-seeing jaunt out of the drive.

The duchess, after four days abed, appeared strong.

Before leaving the hospital, they presented autographs to members of the staff.

Windsor posed for cameramen who missed his return Friday from a flying visit to President Roosevelt aboard the cruiser Tuscaloosa He thanked the photographers for having respected his privacy.

LONE RAIDER BOMBS ISLES

Midlands Town Hit By Explosives

LONDON (Sunday)—(AP)—Several persons in a west Midlands town were killed by high explosive bombs and others were taken to a hospital after a raid by a single German plane early Saturday night, it was reported Sunday.

Rescue workers still toiled Sunday morning to free others trapped in wreckage in the town. Censorship concealed the name of the town.

The raid was one of the few German attacks on the British Isles Saturday and Saturday night.

A southwesterly gale lashing Dover Strait was believed responsible for the lack of German activity.

A number of hoouses were destroyed by a solitary plane in a working class area in a Thames estuary town but it was believed no fatalities resulted.

London had its usual night air raid alarm in the early evening but the "all clear" was sounded about an hour later.

During the day, Nazi planes were reported over Liverpool and Northeast England.

Official Can't Get His Street Repaved

NEW BRIGHTON, Pa.—(AP)—Being a councilman hasn't helped Frank Harding get repairs for a street adjoining his property. He warned the council that unless action was forthcoming he'd move his home and business out of the borough.

ELEANOR FINDS ST. NICK SAYS SHE GOOD GIRL

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt found out Saturday night that Santa Claus thinks she has been a good girl this year.

To the amusement of several hundred guests at the White House "Gridiron Widows" party, Santy handed the first lady a halo, a pair of wings and a roll of paper on which to list requests she gets for gifts.

It was the first holiday festivity at the executive mansion—and it was a "hen" party.

As has been her custom, Mrs. Roosevelt was hostess to wives of Washington correspondents who are members of the Gridiron Club—the men were having their semi-annual "stag" stunt party at a nearby hotel—wives of cabinet members, other feminine celebrities and the Washington "ladies of the press."

Formosa, in proportion to its size, is the richest of Japan's colonies.

BULLET PLANT CONTRACT LET

To Make Ammunition For Small Arms

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The War Department awarded contracts totalling $105,887,790 Saturday for small arms ammunition and for a new plant at St. Louis to produce the ammunition.

Officials said the awards represented the largest single ordinance manufacturing project of the current rearmament program.

The plant will be built on a 134-acre site and employ from 10,000 to 12,000 persons when it starts production, nearly a year hence.

The Western Cartridge Company, East Alton, Ill., was given a $18,600,000 contract to supervise the layout, engineering and construction of the plant and to procure equipment and supervise its installation.

The United States Cartridge Company, Baltimore, Md., received an $87,279,790 award for an initial order of ammunition.

Changing Coaches

Colorado U. Is After Mentor Again

BOULDER, Colo.—(AP)—For the second time in less than one year, Colorado University is in the market for a new football coach.

Only last March bald-headed Bernard (Bunny) Oakes stepped down with a $6,500 cash settlement after most of his players signed a petition for his dismissal, and Frank Potts, Colorado track coach, was given the football job a month later under a one year contract.

Potts has notified University heads that he "prefers" to resume his former status as track mentor and assistant in football although President Robert L. Stearns emphasized the ex-Oklahoma halfback and pole vaulter could have retained the grid post.

Potts will continue to head the football staff until a successor is named, probably by April 1 in time to take hold of spring practice. Harry Carlson, director of athletics, was requested to "investigate qualifications of men available for the head football coaching position." No candidates were mentioned.

Colorado had on hand this season virtually all of the players who captured the 1939 Big Seven Conference title, but won only five and tied one of its nine games. The Buffaloes tied with Denver for second place in the conference.

Alamo Loop Cage Schedule Is Set

DALLAS — (AP) — The basketball schedule of the Alamo Conference, adopted at the winter meeting of the intercollegiate athletic group here Saturday, will open on February 3 and end on February 25.

The schedule:

Feb. 3-4—St. Mary's University vs. West Texas State Coollege at San Antonio.

Feb. 6-7—Texas College of Arts and Industries vs. West Texas State at Kingsville.

Feb. 14-15—St. Mary's vs. Texas A. and I. at Kingsville.

Feb. 17-18—St. Mary's vs. Texas A. and I. at San Antonio.

Feb. 21-22—Texas A. and I. vs. West Texas State at Canyon.

Feb. 24-25—St. Mary's vs. West Texas State at Canyon.

Mutual To Broadcast Cotton Bowl Classic

DALLAS—(AP)—The Cotton Bowl football classic, scheduled for New Year's Day between Texas A. & M. and Fordham, will be heard on the coast to coast network of the Mutual Broadcasting System, Dan D. Rogers, president of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association said.

White Sox And Cubs In Exhibition Tilts

CHICAGO —(AP)— The Chicago Cubs and White Sox announced their spring exhibition baseball schedules Saturday including April 7—Cubs vs. White Sox at El Paso; 8—Cubs vs. White Sox at Lubbock, Tex.; 9—Cubs vs. White Sox at Amarillo, Tex.

SAN JUAN GUESTS

SAN JUAN—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McNaille of Sarcoxie, Missouri, were guests Tuesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Everhard.

Fire Guts Hoboken Condenser Factory

HOBOKEN, N. J. —(AP)—Fire of undetermined origin Saturday wrecked the plant of the Condenser Service and Engineering Corporation plant, which has received U. S. army contracts for about $20,000 in condensers and steel mooring buoys.

A night watchman, George Henry Jacobs, was burned to death.

Nebraska Huskers Practice In Snow

LINCOLN, Neb.—(AP)—Coach Major Lawrence M. Jones got tired Saturday waiting for the weather to clear and trotted his Nebraska football squad, opponents of Stanford in the Rose Bowl, out into a light snowfall for a workout.

Legion Forms Anti-Espionage Body To Work With FBI, Protect Industry

NEW YORK— (AP) —An army of American Legionnaires, acting as anti-espionage agents in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of investigation to protect America's vital defense industries and utilities, is rapidly being formed, State Commander Edward A. Vosseler disclosed Saturday.

3 Months Old

Organization was started three months ago in New York state, Vosseler said, and already has resulted in discovery of several plots and the subsequent blocking of them.

Eventually the corps, throughout the country, may include 50,000 factories, shipyards, munitions industries, power, water and communications, utilities and railroads.

More than 2,000 legion men already are functioning in the set-up in New York state. This number will ultimately grow to some 10,000 men, from 917 posts, Vosseler said.

He added that while the plan was designed primary to prevent sabotage, it also would aid the FBI investigators after commission of such acts.

Most of the men are those of German, Italian or Russian extraction who served in American military forces during the World War.

Work Is Secret

No legionnaire knows the identity of a fellow legion member engaged in espionage work.

In line with the program, Vosseler said each American Legion post was acting as a clearing house for the FBI on information from individuals regarding sabotage.

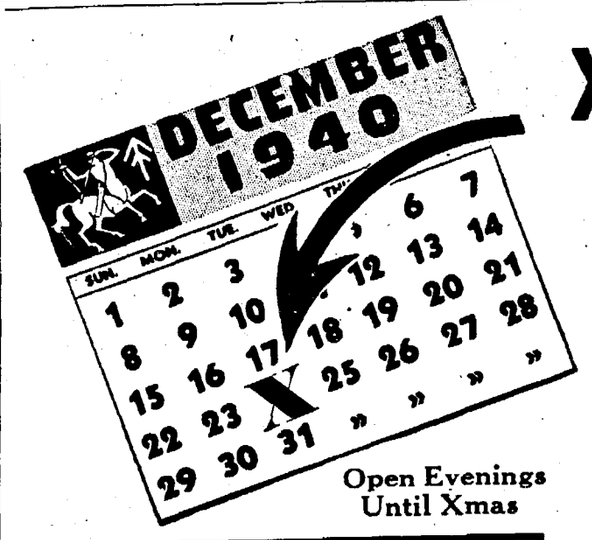
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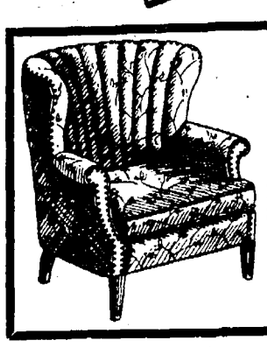


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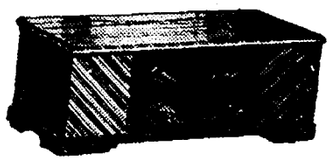
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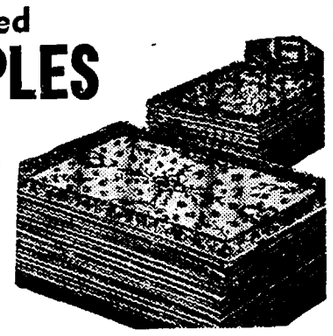
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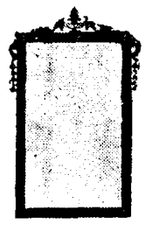
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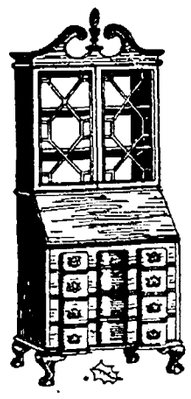
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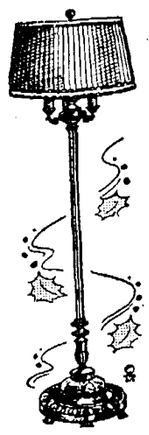
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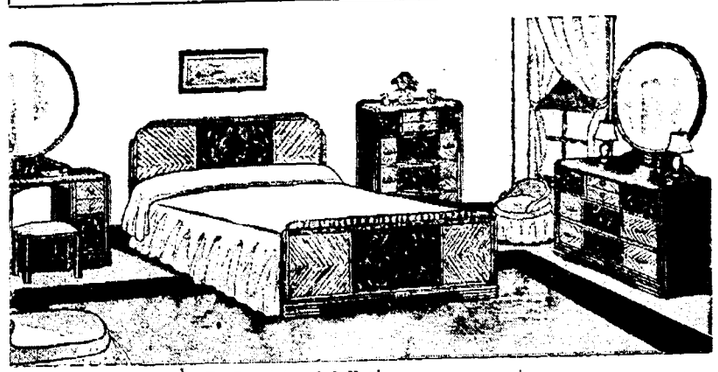
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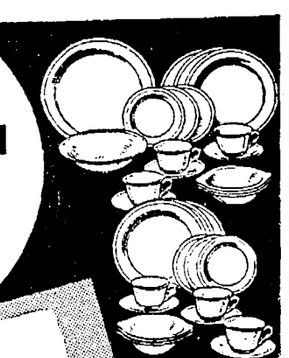
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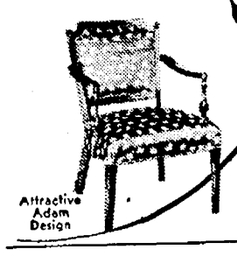
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Misses Jaqueline and Martha Murphy, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Murphy of Edinburg, are among the popular Edinburg Junior College students. The Misses Murphy are members of the Journalism Club and Campus Players at the college and take an active interest in all campus activities. (Kerr Studio.)



Miss Carolyn Cramer's engagement to Robert Kern, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kern of Mercedes, was announced recently by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin LeRoy Cramer of Engelman Gardens. The wedding will be an event of January. (Kerr Studio.)

Bridal Theme Stressed In Large Saturday Tea Honoring Miss Chandler

HARLINGEN — Guests from all over the Valley shared in the large tea of Saturday afternoon given by Mrs. Foster Tebbe at the Reese-Wil-Mond Hotel to honor Miss Lucille Chandler of Weslaco. Miss Chandler's marriage to Jack Tebbe of Craig, Colo., son of the hostess, is to take place during the Christmas holidays.

Recognition was given to the beginning of the holiday season by arrangements of exquisite poinsettias which lent a festive air to the party rooms.

Greeting the guests with the hostess and honoree were Mrs. M. H. Chandler, Weslaco, mother of the honoree, Mrs. J. H. Rohrbach of St. Louis, Mo., mother of Mrs. Tebbe.

The honoree was especially pretty, her black net frock complementing her fair coloring. Upper portion of the bodice was embroidered in gold and the underslip was encrusted about the hemline with clusters of red flowers, their color being repeated in the arrangement of deep red roses and rosebuds which Miss Chandler wore in her hair.

Mrs. Tebbe wore a corsage of red gladiolas and sweetpeas with her gown of black velvet. Mrs. Chandler's frock was in shell pink and black and her corsage formed of sweetpeas in pink shades. Mrs. Rohrbach's gown combined ashes of roses and blue and her flowers were light blue gladiolas and tuberoses.

Corsages matching their costumes were worn by the other members of the party which included Mesdames Frank Grimsell, A. C. Pate, F. N. Smith, J. M. Green, J. J. Willingham, Morton Bledsoe, Ralph Langley, and S. M. Harvey, and Mrs. Robert Fenwick of Edinburg.

The tea table was strikingly beautiful and was done in bridal white with touches of silver. White chrysanthemums, gladiolas, and tuberoses, combining a perfection of artistry and blossoms, were in a center arrangement elongated in effect. Frothy white maline and silver tricotine accented the bridal theme.

Elaborate ornamentation of the cake lent further emphasis to the silver and white decor and other tea appointments were in bridal design.

During the hours of receiving, from three to five o'clock, a pleasant medley of romantic and classical music was played by Mrs. E. Douglas Carver and Mrs. Verda Wheeler. Guests included about 135 and were from Brownsville to Edinburg.

Marriage of the widely known couple will climax a romance that had its beginning when both were students at Baylor University. Mr. Tebbs received his degree from Baylor and is now employed as geologist, in charge of the laboratory for the Utah Gilsonite Company, at Craig, Colo. Miss Chandler is being honored by an attractive series of prenuptial affairs.

Evening Program Is On P.-T.A. Schedule

McALLEN—The evening entertainment scheduled for the McAllen Junior High School Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday night will be highlighted by a "cup and saucer shower."

All members who attend are asked to have a cup or a saucer to donate to the P.-T.A. pantry the group is accumulating.

Rev. W. W. Stewart, pastor of the Trinity Episcopal Church at Pharr, will be the principal speaker. In keeping with the holiday season the topic of his speech will be "Peace."

Prior to the meeting, to get under way at 7 p.m., coffee and cookies will be served in the hall.

A division in the program has been arranged for the benefit of Spanish-speaking members of the association, members said. A separate program in Spanish has been planned for that group by Mrs. Harry Fetterman, program chairman.

To Join Wife

BROWNSVILLE—E. C. Sams of New Rochelle, New York, will join his wife, Mrs. Sams, here next Wednesday. Mrs. Sams arrived earlier from New York, and is the guest of her daughters, Mrs. Dean Porter, Mr. Porter, Mrs. Larry Lightner, and Mr. Lightner. The New Yorkers will remain here until after the holidays.



Miss Ella Beth Melton, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley T. Melton of Pharr, and who is a first year student at Arts & Industrial College in Kingsville, will spend the Yuletide with her parents. Miss Melton, who graduated from Pharr-San Juan-Alamo high school last spring, was a favorite among her classmates. She served as pianist for the Pharr Kiwanis Club for two years. (Kerr Studio.)

Girls Friendly Sets Tea, Program For Friday

BROWNSVILLE—Mothers of members, and members of the Woman's auxiliary of the Church of the Advent (Episcopal) will be entertained at tea and a program Friday afternoon when the Girls Friendly will be hostesses.

The president, Juanita Fernandez, announces that the affair will be held at 4 o'clock. There will be a play. The Christmas Pudding, presented.

HOSPITAL HEAL ILL

PHARR — Mrs. Jno. Decker, superintendent of the McAllen city hospital, is confined to the hospital with an attack of influenza.

Alamo Pair Honored On 21st Anniversary

ALAMO—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Drennan were surprised on their twenty-first wedding anniversary on Wednesday evening by the following group of friends: Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Swallow, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Benetti, Mr. and Mrs. Dales Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Vinsant, Mr. and Mrs. Tut Caddel and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McMorries.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sharp were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lowe of Mt. Auburn, Illinois. They are spending the winter at McAllen



Mrs. Jack Carey Jones of Guatemala City, shown in the charming camera study above, is the former Miss Marcille Strein of Brownsville, daughter of Mrs. Crystal Butz Strein, and granddaughter of Joe Butz, both of Brownsville. Her marriage Thursday to Mr. Jones, son of Mrs. Margaret Carey Jones, of New York and Brownsville, was a quiet and impressive home affair. Immediately after, Mr. and Mrs. Jones departed for Guatemala City by plane to make their home. (A. Rogers Photo.)

Dates Set For Four Yule Parties In Brownsville; Holidays Will Be Gay

BROWNSVILLE—With at least four party dates spoken for ten days before Christmas, it would appear that Brownsville will hold to the tradition of a gay Yuletide filled with small and large parties. So far, the time-worn phrase of something doing "morning, noon and night" can be applied almost literally.

The advent of a number of holiday visitors will do much to brighten the social calendar, and one can be sure there will be given a round of small and informal parties for these, aside from the large affairs.

While many are planning trips away for Christmas or New Year's, a number are "stay-at-homes" by custom.

First of the parties thus far will be the afternoon tea by Mrs. R. B. Creager and Mrs. Joe Celaya at the Creager home December 27. The affair will be held between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock. The pair will compliment three out of town guests, Mrs. Creager's daughter, Mrs. Carlisle Williams of Evansville, Indiana, who arrives December 18; Mrs. Pedro Chapa, of Mexico City, who arrives Tuesday; and Mrs. E. K. Goodrich, Jr., also of Mexico City, who has been visiting here for the past ten days.

The following morning, Saturday, December 28, Mrs. Edward McChesney will be hostess at a coffee at the home of Mrs. Russell McChesney. Guests are being invited for the hours between 10 and 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Porter have chosen Sunday afternoon, December 29, for their open house. The hours of the hospitality are those between 3 and 6 o'clock. Cards are being issued to about 225 guests.

Tuesday, December 31, New Year's Eve, the Junior Service League will entertain with its breakfast dance at El Jardin. Society will dance for the sake of the Well Baby clinic, the League's project this year. This will be a gay affair, one of the high points of the season, and will be the reason for a number of parties to be given before the dance. The League has engaged Baron Dakin and his orchestra of Corpus Christi, and members are promising an entertaining evening.

New Year's Day, Mr. and Mrs. Drew Patteson will hold open house between 10 o'clock in the morning and 1 in the afternoon. This event is a traditional one with the Pattesons, and many will attend.

There are rumors of other parties, but decisions as to the dates and types of parties are being left till later.

To Monterrey

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. B. G. Eubanks departed Friday for Monterrey where she will spend a week.

Miss Margaret Hogan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hogan of Pharr, will become the bride of Morris W. Jones of Weslaco in rites to be solemnized January 24. Mr. Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Jones of Kenedy. (Seaton Photo.)

Margaret Hogan To Wed Morris W. Jones In Rites Set For January 24th

PHARR—Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hogan of Pharr announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Margaret, to Morris W. Jones, Weslaco, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Jones of Kenedy.

The ceremony will be performed at the home of the bride on January 24.

Miss Hogan has lived with her family in Pharr for 20 years. She attended the University of Texas where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Mr. Jones attended A. and M. College and is now employed as a special agent in the investigation division of the United States Department of Agriculture.

West Brownsville PTA Slates Yule Meeting Thursday

BROWNSVILLE — The West Brownsville Parent-Teacher association will hold its Christmas meeting Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A Christmas program will be given by the Latin-American students for their parents who will be brought to the school in cars furnished by the PTA.

On the following day, Friday, a Christmas party will be given by the PTA for all the students at the school.

To Sing Carols

MISSION — Three winter activities were planned by Mission Girl Reserves when they met this week for their supper program at the Presbyterian Annex.

Members planned to carry on their traditional Christmas caroling on Christmas Eve when they will go over the city singing.

Bridge Club Entertained At Party

D. B. Briggs Hosts To Friday Unit

BROWNSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Briggs were hosts Thursday evening when they entertained members of the Friday afternoon bridge club and their husbands at a Christmas party.

A blue and white theme prevailed throughout in decorations for the affair. A blue Christmas tree, decorated in white and silver, was one of the features of the decorative motif, while about the home were arranged artistic bouquets of white roses and white stock.

Four tables of players gathered for the games in which Mrs. Ellis Perry and Fred Knapp were high. There were other small awards also for slams and for a bingo prize. Prizes were attractively wrapped in the blue and silver theme.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Otto A. Manske, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Barron, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Roberts, and Mr. and Mrs. Nat B. Hatcher.

Calendar

BROWNSVILLE

SUNDAY

Christmas party by the BPW at Landrum's between 5 and 7 p.m.

MONDAY

Beta Sigma Phi with Miss Inez Brulay at 8 p.m.

Semper Fidelis Christmas party at the George Aziz home.

Hope Chapter 124, OES, at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple.

Episcopal auxiliary groups at 2 p.m. with Mrs. Hubert R. Hudson and at the rectory.

TUESDAY

Treble Clef with Mrs. T. A. Kinder with Mrs. W. A. Velten as cohostess.

Athenian club with Mrs. W. R. Jackson.

Civic League Christmas party at the Volney W. Taylor home at 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Penny Supper at the Central Christian church.

Self-Culture club Christmas party at the Volney W. Taylor home.

Wednesday Evening Bridge club Christmas party at the Jack Wiech home.

El Jardin Heights Social club Christmas party at 2 p.m. at the Charles Pinkley home.

THURSDAY

Victoria Heights Civic club party with Mrs. Harry Crowe.

Alpha Delphian chapter with Mrs. R. A. Hightower at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs Robert Runyon entertains at Landrum's from 4 to 6.

West Brownsville P.-T. A. at 3 p.m.

Brownsville Study club party with Mrs. R. R. Fife.

Junior Self-Culture club with Miss Betty Rockwell at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday Evening bridge club with Mr. and Mrs. Nat Hatcher.

Olmito Modern Priscilla club party at the Dan Robbins home.

Covered dish supper by the Beta Sigma Phi at the Harvey Nuckols home.

FRIDAY

Christmas party by the Stitch and Chat club with Mrs. Johnny Lee Vance.

Party by the Girls Friendly for mothers of members and the Episcopal auxiliary at 4 p.m.

Sacred Heart Altar Society party between 3 and 5 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Wright.

SATURDAY

Brownsville Federation of Women's club at 3:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian church.

McALLEN

MONDAY

Mrs. Bob Elmore will assist at the McAllen Child's Clinic.

1:00 p. m.—Mrs. John T. Lomax will entertain the McAllen Book Club with a luncheon at the Casa de Palmas Hotel.

3:00 p. m.—Mrs. Bob Elmore will be hostess to a meeting of the McAllen Music Club at her home.

7:00 p. m.—Members of the Pan American Round Table will honor their husbands with a dinner at the Casa de Palmas Hotel.

TUESDAY

2:30 p. m.—The Hoit Hammond Industrial Club will celebrate its Christmas party at the First Methodist Church.

7:00 p. m.—Rev. W. W. Stewart of Pharr will address the meeting of the Junior High School Parent-Teacher Association in the school's auditorium.

WEDNESDAY

9:30 a. m.—The McAllen Garden Club will meet at the First Methodist Church.

Mrs. W. R. Bond will entertain the Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club at its regular meeting.

Mrs. Jack Lomax will assist at the McAllen Child's Clinic.

The Red Cross sewing room for McAllen will be open at the Singer Sewing Machine Company office.

THURSDAY

Mrs. M. S. Winbury will be hostess to a Christmas party meeting of the Dr. Shelton group of the First Christian Church.

FRIDAY

Mrs. Blanche Johnson will entertain the Past Noble Grand Club of the Rebekah Order with a Christmas party at her home.

Miss Mae Myers will be hostess for a Christmas party honoring members of the Pioneer Club.

3:00 p. m.—The McAllen Child Study Club will meet with Mrs. A. D. Hubbard for its annual Christmas party.

Mrs. Wallace Bohannon will assist with the McAllen Child's Clinic.

GUEST FOR WINTER

ALAMO—Mrs. Hildegard Becker of Farmington, Minnesota, is spending the winter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carley Hart.

New Road Borders Ranch Home



Raymondville's celebration next Tuesday, marking the opening of the Kenedy county highway, will be a gala event for Alice (left) and Tommie Tate, for the road goes right by their formerly isolated home at Norias Ranch. The girls, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tate, are expert in horsemanship and were two of the outstanding contestants as sponsors of Kenedy county in a recent riding contest. They especially enjoy rodeos and have attended them since childhood, usually participating in the children's events. They are students in the Raymondville school. (Dodd Photo.)

Coming Of Christmas Gives Dominant Note For Study Club Meet

HARLINGEN — Both setting and program for the Thursday meeting of the Harlingen Study Club radiated a Christmas note as members met at the Woman's Building. Vivid poinsettias were arranged about the club room, while a small lighted tree on the piano, the mantel banked with fern and pine burrs and small Christmas lights added to the effect. By the mantelpiece was a red velvet stocking and along the mantel edge were peppermint candy canes.

Hostesses were Mrs. J. C. Atchison and Mrs. Polk Hornaday.

To introduce the topic, "Vistas of Memory," members described some Christmas custom in their homes, the incidents ranging from singing of carols to stringing cranberries for the Christmas tree.

In a talk, "Heritage of Christmas" Mrs. J. C. Crossett reviewed for members the earliest accounts of the Nativity, including reports of Christmas observance in many lands, several famous poems, and closing with the reading of the Scriptural account of the first Christmas.

Mrs. John Dempsey, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Frank Dempsey, sang an old Christmas carol, "We Three Kings of Orientale."

Nearly a dozen well known carols were sung by a group from the Treble Clef Music Club directed by Miss Mary Elizabeth Challes. Singers included the leader, Betty Lu Hill, and Betty Jean Smith, Evelyn Chaudoin, Betty Lou Williams, Frances Ruth King, Henrietta Liston, Marie Harpin, Doris Ann Gavenda, and Mary March.

Climax to the program was Mrs. A. B. Newell's superb presentation of the Christmas story as related in Esquire by Manuel Kimroff in a story, "The Return of the Magi." Mrs. Newell, a former member of the club now residing in McAllen, gave the story beautifully, using the author's exact words.

Out of club guests for the day were Mesdames C. W. Letzerich, A. M. Letzerich, Almeda Caswell, and Lee Tucker.

Betas Meet Monday

BROWNSVILLE — A discussion of plans for the covered dish supper to be held Thursday evening at the Harvey E. Nuckols home will feature the meeting of the Beta Sigma Phi chapter at the home of Miss Inez Brulay Monday evening.

Couple Wed Recently Are Honor Guests

SAN BENITO — Mr. and Mrs. Emil Ayoub entertained Wednesday evening with a dinner party complimenting Mr. and Mrs. George Ayoub whose marriage was solemnized Monday at Edinburg. Guests were Miss Bettye Swan Lockmiller, Miss Doris Ogden, Miss Bennie Jean Flanakin, and H. K. Pitts. Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Brady of San Benito and Mr. and Mrs. Ford of Harlingen.

Following the dinner guests enjoyed dancing at Barreda.

Mr. and Mrs. Ayoub will make their home in Mercedes where Mr. Ayoub is with the Interstate Theatres.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Dodds were hosts Wednesday night to their bridge club. Following the dinner at the Stonewall Jackson hotel games of bridge were enjoyed at the Dodds home.

Mrs. R. B. Stewart received the award for high score for the ladies and Mr. Stewart for the men.

Mrs. Maud Singer, houseguest of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Vinsant was a guest. The next meeting will be the annual Christmas party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Vinsant, Monday, December 23rd.

T.E.L. Class In La Feria Enjoys Party

LA FERIA—Mrs. A. W. Amthor, Mrs. N. A. Everett, and Mrs. P. A. Coppin were hostesses Thursday afternoon at the educational building for the annual Christmas party held by the T.E.L. Class. Colorful decorations featured attractive arrangements of poinsettias and branches from the Brazilian pepper tree.

Mrs. Coppin, president, was in charge of the business meeting. It was announced that the class had contributed a dollar each month during the year toward the "hundred thousand fund."

Mrs. Amthor had charge of the program which was as follows: vocal solo, "Oh, Holy Night," Miss Mildred Tuma, accompanied by Miss Frances Evelyn Hennessee; "Christmas in Other Lands," Mrs. John H. Mitchell; piano duet, "A Trip wth Santa," Misses Frances Evelyn Hennessee and Viola Yarbrough.

Santa Claus was a special guest and distributed gifts from a gayly lighted and attractively decorated tree.

Mrs. Mitchell was presented with a gift from the class by Mrs. Coppin.

The hostesses served a salad plate with tiny Christmas trees as favors to 27 members and Mr. Albert Douglas and son, Charles, of Kansas City, Mo., who were guests.

The Home Demonstration Club will meet Monday evening at the Legion Hall for the annual Christmas party and dinner. Husbands of the members will be guests.

The La Feria Parent-Teacher Association heard reports on the student loan fund of the Bi-County Council at the regular meeting Wednesday in the junior high school building. Mrs. A. H. Moore, president, was in charge.

Mrs. E. C. Wallace described the service the student loan fund is affording, stating that 10 students have been assisted by this fund towards higher education.

A Christmas play was given by children of the primary school. Mrs. J. L. McNail discussed "The Home as a Cultural Center."

Attendance awards were made to Mattie B. Wiley's second grade pupils, Miss Opal Allen's 5-B room, and the seniors in high school.

Christmas Programs To Be Presented By P.-T.A. Group

RAYMONDVILLE — Christmas programs to be present during the week include broadcast organ recitals at 6:45 each evening with the town's best organists participating.

On Thursday evening at the church at 7:30 a pageant will be given in which many adult members and children in the Sunday school are taking part.

The high school Choral Club under the direction of Mrs. Vera L. Beck will sing, accompanied by Mrs. B. S. Wright.

Mrs. Carters Arrives From Ohio

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. H. J. Charters of Youngstown, Ohio, has arrived to spend the winter months. She is located at Palm Courts hotel. Mrs. Charters, who spends almost every winter in Brownsville, drove down from San Antonio accompanied by Mrs. F. Davis Cromack and her young son, Dan. The pair, who are residing in San Antonio temporarily, visited with Brownsville relatives, returning to the Alamo City with Mr. Cromack who had arrived the day before on business.

Adventure Of 'Alice' To Be Enacted In Play Staged For Children

Performance Scheduled Tuesday

HARLINGEN — The Fine Arts Club will present the second play of the Clare Tree Major series Tuesday, December 17, at 4 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium, when "Alice In Wonderland" will be staged.

Children from 5 to 75 will relive the Lewis Carroll Classic which has brought joy to children the world over. Alice's strange adventures with the White Rabbit, the Mad Hatter, the Duchess and the White Queen will bring fond memories to the older children, and amazement to the younger ones.

The actors, though young, are professionals and have been with the Clare Tree Major and other stock companies several years. Leslie Garall who takes the part of the White Rabbit and the Mock Turtle attended the Yale School of the Drama and has been in several Broadway productions.

Dorothy Burdette who is 'Alice' is vivacious and charming and has long coveted the role of Alice. Her remarkable likeness to the original illustrations of the Lewis Carroll fantasy makes her performance more than ordinarily convincing. She finds that playing for juvenile audiences is, by far, the most satisfying and demanding phase of theatre work. Admission is by season ticket, or single admission of 50c apiece.



Alice (Dorothy Burdette), to her alarmed astonishment, finds that the queer feeling in her head is caused by the mysterious appearance of a crown.



The woebegone White Queen (Dorothy Martin), explains that she has lost her comb. (A scene from Alice in Wonderland.)

Yule Party Held By Club

HARLINGEN—The Stuart Place Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Robert McNabney Thursday with Mesdames W. L. Medley, Paul Lane, Perry Brown, and A. T. Withers as hostesses.

Members answered roll call by expressing Christmas wants.

It was reported that 75 children are being served hot chocolate at the school under the Surplus Commodities program.

The group voted to co-operate with the Sunday School in furnishing a tree for the school entertainment on the evening of December 18.

Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. O. C. Smith with Mrs. Jessie Ringham as co-hostess

Special tribute was given by Mrs. A. T. Withers to the new members of the club this year. They are Mesdames R. L. Day, J. L. Woodward, Jessie Ringham, R. B. Bull, H. B. Caddell, W. E. Carey, and Stout.

An exchange of gifts from the Christmas tree was carried out and pumpkin pie and coffee were served. Present in addition to the new members named were Mesdames Sam Baker and Wm. Dietrele, visitors, and Mesdames Filbert Engelbrecht, H. F. Perkins, Bert Haynes, O. C. Smith, A. T Withers, W. L. Medley, A. Haynes, J. H. Ingram, Paul Lone, E. M. Vencill, Perry Brown, Paul Davies, J. J. Garrett, Winnie Decker, J. W. Mayfield, and John Miller.

Club Federation To Meet Saturday

BROWNSVILLE — Members of the Brownsville Federation of Women's club will meet Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church.

The Self-Culture club will be in charge of the program.

Health Topic For Program Of Interest

ALAMO—Topic for the program at the meeting of the Alamo Sorosis Club on Thursday was "Public Health." Mrs. T. C. Downs was hostess and had her lovely home decorated with flowers and fruit in fall colors.

"Health Needs of the Valley" was given by Mrs. Frank Denzer; "Local Welfare Work" was emphasized by Mrs. Grant Montgomery; and "The Handicapped Child" was discussed by Mrs. C. O. Williams.

As an extra feature of the afternoon, Mrs. Frank Denzer reviewed the boo' "The Fire and the Wood" by R. C. Hutchison.

The club voted to give $15 toward the community building and to buy a five dollar tuberculosis bond.

The next meeting will be a Christmas luncheon at Halliburton's on December 27.

Mrs. Allan Cox was hostess to the Christmas meeting of Circle Two of the Community Church Ladies Aid on Wednesday. Her home was attractively decorated in the holiday theme with the gift exchange packages arranged about a silver tree.

Mrs. Howard Baugh was elected chairman for next year. The 30 members present were served dainty refreshments by Mrs. Carl Eddy and Mrs. Leland Mathews.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Montgomery had as dinner guests on Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Heid and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith of Weslaco.

The Alamo library, sponsored by the Sorosis Club for the benefit of the public, has at this time one thousand volumes. It is located in the lobby of the Alamo Hotel. All are invited to enjoy the use of it.

The Proximo Sunday school class of the Community Church held their annual Christmas turkey dinner and party at the church on Friday.

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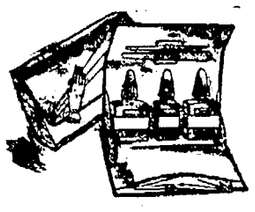
HARLINGEN—Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Fordham left Saturday for their home in Houston after two days visit with Mrs. Fordham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Simmons. The Fordhams formerly resided in Harlingen. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons returned early in the week after seven weeks spent in Leon, Iowa, where they were called by the death of Mrs. Simmons' father. They visited in Chicago before starting on the return trip home.

ATTEND STYLE SHOW

COMBES—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wade attended the Weslaco style show Thursday night.

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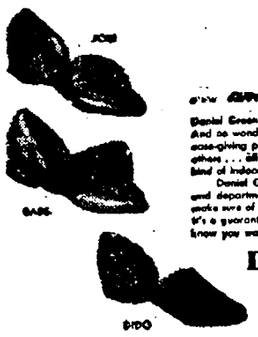
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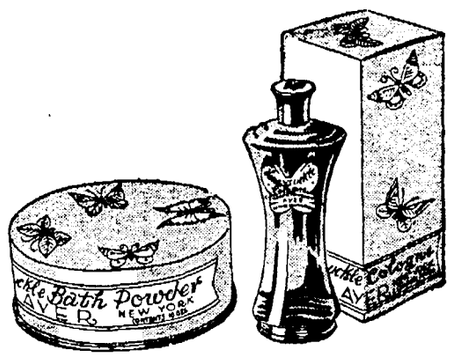
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Valley Youth Outstanding In Debate

KINGSVILLE—Richard Rowe of McAllen, a member of the A. and I. squad that represented this school at the Southwest Debate Tournament in San Marcos last week, has received a special recognition. The officials of the tourney sent Rowe a certificate certifying that he had been selected as an outstanding debater.

Teams that Rowe debated against were Abilene Christian College of Abilene, Sam Houston State Teachers College of Huntsville, TCU of Fort Worth, Baylor University of Waco, Lamar Junior College of Beaumont, and St. Mary's University of San Antonio. Results on five of the debates came in, showing that A. and I. debaters won 3 and lost 2.

Rowe debated against the University of San Antonio here both Friday afternoon and Friday night.

Bill Holmes, Myrtle Wolfshohl, Richard Rowe, and Betty Jo Fry were the participants in a debate held in C. M. Montgomery's Journalism-English class this week. The former three are from McAllen, while the latter is a former resident of Raymondville now residing in Falfurrias.

A. and I.'s Christmas holidays, at first announced for December 20 to January 2, will instead begin at noon on Saturday, December 21, and continue until the morning of Friday, January 3.

Govie Waller of Los Fresnos is the only Valley pgroduct trying out for the Javelina basketball quintet. Waller formerly played with the Los Fresnos High School team and the Brownsville Junior College Scorpions.

The only game the Javelinas have played so far this year has been with the Scorpions, although there is a possibility that one or two more games will be played before Christmas.

A large number of people from the Rio Grande Valley came to Kingsville last Sunday to hear the tenth annual presentation of "The Messiah." The presentation was made before an appreciative crowd from all parts of South Texas. Approximately 80 voices participated in the singing.

Dayle Chaudoin of Harlingen, vice-president of Delta Sigma Chi fraternity, is now serving as active president of the organization. James Wheeler, official president, has been called into active National Guard service. Chaudoin is a senior engineering major.

New Junior Self-Culture Head



Mrs. Jack Wiech, shown above in her Brownsville home, took time by the forelock this past week, and began wrapping some of her Christmas packages. Just at the moment, she seems preoccupied with the bow she is making of ribbons. Mrs. Wiech, the wife of the county attorney, is the new president of the Junior Self-Culture Club, and active in other clubs. (Staff Photo.)

McAllen's Christmas Parties Fill Week's Social Entertainment

McALLEN — Christmas time is providing the impetus for scores of parties next week at McAllen.

The functions will open at 1 p.m. Monday when Mrs. John T. Lomax entertains the McAllen Book club with the annual luncheon at the Casa de Palmas Hotel. Each member at this time will report on customs of observing Christmas in various foreign lands.

At 7 p. m. Monday a surprise is in store for all who attend the annual Pan-American Round Table's Christmas dinner, honoring their husbands. While the event is the yearly Christmas party, the program will be on "The Four Horsemen of the Americas." It remains a dark secret who will talk in the person of "the Gaucho of the Argentine;" "the Llanero of Brazil;" "The Charro of Mexico," and the "cowboy of North America." As an added attraction there will be musical numbers and dances by girls in native costume.

The First Methodist church will be the scene of the Hoit Hammond Christmas party at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday, and Mrs. Bob Jolly will be hostess to the annual observance for the Ma Kocha club the same day. That evening Mrs. Jack Doherty will be hostess to a Christmas party for the Beta Sigma Phi sorority at her home.

To highlight the Christmas spirit the McAllen Garden club's program Wednesday morning will use "Christmas Decorations" as its theme. Mrs. W. R. Bond's home will be opened Wednesday afternoon for the annual holiday party for the Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration club.

So far the only party scheduled for Thursday will have Mrs. M. S. Wimbury as hostess to the Dr. Shelton group of the First Christian church at her home.

Friday the Pioneer club will gather at Mrs. Mae Myers home for their annual recognition of the date; the Past Noble Grand club of the Rebekahs at Mrs. Blanche Johnson's, and the McAllen Child Study club at Mrs. A. D. Hubbard's.

Club Enjoys Party Noting Yule Theme

WESLACO—The Just We Neighbors Club enjoyed an unusual hospitality in keeping with the holiday fastivities when members of the club who had birthdays the first half of the year honored those who had anniversaries the last half of the year, with a luncheon at Halliburton's Tuesday.

Members were seated at one long table attractive with the Christmas colors of red and green decorating the cake and with the floral arrangement of scarlet poinsettias.

The eight guests were welcomed by the eight hostesses greeting them by singing "Happy Birthday."

Mrs. John Rouse, the incoming president gave a toast to the guests and following the luncheon a comic stunt was presented.

Those enjoying the affair were Mesdames Alden Wade, G. G. Aldridge, John Rouse, T. F. Langford, J. McKinney, Nople Foster, O. E. Ridenour, R. Horne, J. L. Wood, J. W. Wilder, J. E. Potts, John Thornburg, F. W. Edwards, O. E. Kramer, J. Wiggins, and George Morrison.

The Christmas Party is scheduled to be held at the home of Mrs. Alden Wade, December 20 at seven-thirty o'clock with Mrs. Langford as co-hostess.

McAllen Navy Man Is Wed At San Diego

McALLEN—Interesting to scores of friends here is the announcement of the marriage of James Earl Smitham, former McAllen man, stationed on shore duty with the United States Navy at San Diego, Calif.

The young man, son of Mrs. Mabel C. Smitham, and the late James A. Smitham, was married November 4 to Miss Lillian Lee Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton C. Taylor of Phoenix, Ariz.

The ceremony was performed at San Diego where the young couple are at home at 3227 Dalbergia street.

Mr. Smitham, who has lived in McAllen most of his life and who is a graduate of the local schools, has been in the navy for the past five years.

24 metro—Talk given .....

PHARR—"The Christmas Spirit and Attitude" was the topic of the interesting address given Thursday by Rev. W. W. Stewart of the Trinity Episcopal Church at a meeting of the Pharr Garden Club held at the lovely home of Mrs. Ashley Cawthon.

The program was arranged by Mrs. George McCullough. Table arrangements were by Mrs. J. W. Puckett, and Mrs. D. W. Iford. A large number of the club members attended the Weslaco Style Show in Weslaco Thursday night.

Next meeting of the club will be held January 9, 1941, at the home of Mrs. D. U. Buckner, at which time Mrs. E. E. Draeger will have charge of the program on "Valley Shrubs."

Table arrangements will be by Mrs. Burt Coate and Mrs. E. C. Self.

Mrs. J. F. Stewart entertained with a delightfully appointed party for members of the newly formed "This and That Service Club" at her home here Friday afternoon.

Arrangements of poinsettias were used and an elaborately trimmed Christmas tree added to the chosen motif.

In the series of bingo games, each winner was permitted to pick a prize from the tree.

Refreshments consisting of angel food squares, topped with whipped cream and chopped green and red cherries and coffee were served to:

Mesdames Rex Norman, A. L. Price, Roy Barnes, Ben McCulloch, Burton Bensen, Garland Akin, Albert Schlichter, A. B. Fields, Lum Sims, and Elton Clark.

Weslaco Club Group Holds Meet On Friday

WESLACO—Mrs. K. P. Caskey was speaker at the December meeting of the Mothers club of Stephen F. Austin school held in the auditorium Friday afternoon. Her audience heard with enthusiasm her story of "Change Comes in Bible Lands."

Mrs. L. S. Riddle, president, who has moved to Harlingen, conducted the afternoon meeting and presented her resignation.

Mercedes Student Given Recognition In Music

MERCEDES—Mildred Brust, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Paul S. Brust of Mercedes, was selected as a senior member of Alpha Chi at Mary Hardin - Baylor, a scholarship sorority which selects its members, with faculty approval, from the upper tenth in scholastic ranking in the junior and senior classes.



Miss Brust has the unique distinction of an A-average over the entire period she has attended college and has been a consistent honor roll student. She will graduate next June with a Bachelor of Music degree in piano and will be presented in an evening's recital, prior to her graduation, by her instructor, Dr. Walter Gilewicz, former instructor at the Stern Conservatory at Berlin, Germany, the Conservatory at Kharkov, Russia, and the College of Music at Cincinnati.

She is also a member and pianist of Historical Phila and of Phi Epsilon, a music organization in which she was recently elected vice president and program chairman. She arranges the Sunday afternoon musical programs of her club on which prominent guest artists and outstanding musical talent of the college are featured.

Attend Council

EDCOUCH — Among Girl Reserves attending the Interclub Council Saturday at Sharyland were June Vittetoe, Arlene Witt, and Mildred Smith. Miss Mary Alice Gay and Miss Genevieve Rhodes also attended.

BPW's Set Party

BROWNSVILE — Christmas party of the Business and Professional Women's Club is slated for this afternoon at Landrum's. The event will be held between the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock.

Gift Exchange Is Bridge Club Feature

McALLEN—A gift exchange featured the meeting of the Little Bridge Club Thursday when Mrs. Dick Harris entertained the group with a dessert bridge at her home.

Arrangements of poinsettias and red roses mingled with miniature Christmas scenic groupings for the decorative scheme.

Mrs. I. B. Sigler won high score prize.

Present were Mrs. Collin Vinsant of Pharr, Mrs. L. L. O'Neall, Mrs. W. W. Jones, Mrs. W. B. Spell, Mrs. L. H. Moore and Mrs. Homer Rowe.

Mrs. Roy Lombard Hostess For Club

WESLACO—Mrs. Roy Lombard was hostess for one of the prettiest club courtesies honoring the Bluebonnet club at her home Tuesday. The Christmas colors was emphasized in flowers and refreshment course was served to members and one guest, Mrs. Ted Pratz of Chicago.

Mrs. Clyde Young won score award at the close of the interesting afternoon.

VISITS FOR HOLIDAYS

McALLEN—Mrs. E. A. Constant of New Iberia, La., arrived recently to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Alexander. Her husband will join her here later for the holiday season.

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Donna Library Receives Much Needed Books; Adds Loan Feature To Service

By MRS. WALTER WEAVER

DONNA — During the past two months the Donna public library has had a remarkable growth, acquiring 825 much-needed new books, and establishing of a loan system whereby other books may be secured as needed.

Any book needed which is not available locally will be lent to the Donna public library for a month by the St. Louis library. As a result anyone in the community desiring material on any subject may obtain it within a week by making his request to the Donna library and paying the postage, which is only three cents a pound each way.

Of the 750 new books now on the shelves, 500 were lent by the Texas State Library. These are part of 5,000 books sent to the county from Austin in the interests of a county library. They will be left in the Valley for a year or more. The 500 in the local library may, as soon as local readers are through reading them, be exchanged for another 500.

Morley's "Kitty Foyle," Llewellyn's "How Green Was My Valley," St. Exupery's "Night Flight," Levant's "Smattering of Ignorance," Komroff's "Travels of Marco Polo," Bowen's "Beloved Friend," and Heiser's "American Doctor Odyssey," all among the late best sellers, are in the collection.

A third of the books are adult fiction, a third non-fiction, and a third new juveniles. There are several of the books on aviation, photography, interior decoration, Texas history, Texas wild flowers, hobbies, and world problems. There are also Western stories, detective stories, and modern plays.

The Encyclopedia Britannica, purchased by the Donna Library, has 25 volumes including the 1940 yearbook, and covers any subject of interest to people today.

From Mrs. B. O. Wilkinson, who is just moving to San Antonio, 180 books were received. Many of these have been recently requested by patrons—Austen's "Pride and Prejudice," Scott's "Heart of Midlothian," another copy of "Gone With the Wind," two novels by Christopher Morley, the "Life of Helen Keller," several volumes on the writing of English, and 150 other books of equally high standard, including fiction, non-fiction and juveniles.

Nearly 50 books were given by the Mercedes public library, which has just recently been organized. In return, more than that number of duplicate copies of books were lent to them by the Donna library.

Mrs. O. E. Davis gave 40 books, including a dozen of stories, plays and poetry in Spanish, for which the Library is having an increasing demand.

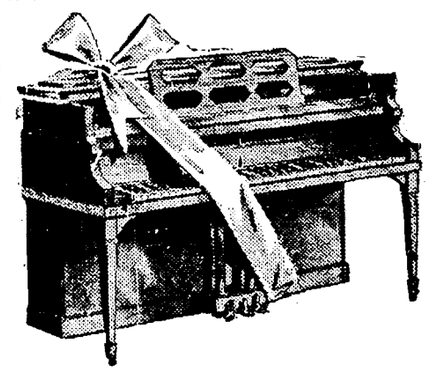
The Donna Women's club presented Hutchinson's "The Fire and the Wood," which was given by Mrs. Volney Taylor.

Book Is Reviewed For P.E.O. Group

RAYMONDVILLE—At the meeting of Chapter A. Q. of P. E. O. at the home of Mrs. F. B. Wilson, Mrs. R. H. Fackleman expertly reviewed "Of Human Kindness" by Ruth Comfort Mitchell.

Mrs. Mitchell is a member of P. E. O. in California.

Mrs. Glenn Flinn was hostess for the afternoon.



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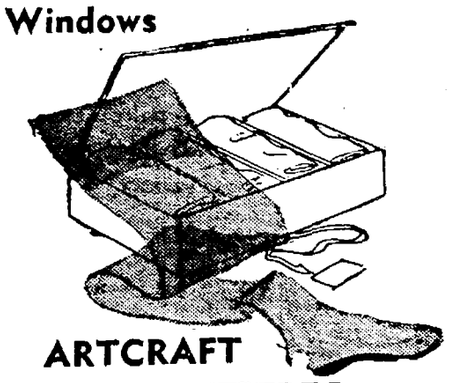
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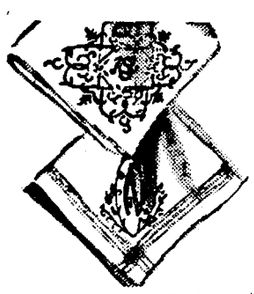
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Valley Garden Club Add Hundreds Of Shrubs To Bougainvillea Trail

LOS FRESNOS—Recent extensive plantings of bougainvilleas and substantial increase in funds for extending the Bougainvillea Trail were reported at the December meeting of the Valley Garden Club held Friday in the First Methodist Church. Hostesses were members of the Southern Rose Garden Club with Mrs. H. W. Lupton as president.

Mrs. O. E. Stuart, Harlingen, directed the business period, featured principally by reports regarding the Bougainvillea Trail. Mercedes reported lovely plantings in Combes Park; La Feria announced considerable new plantings; Donna reported regarding an attractive Bougainvillea plot centered with lovebirds.

Plantings Heavy

The two garden clubs in Los Fresnos have been responsible for setting out 250 bougainvilleas. Edinburg is emphasizing the "gateway" to the Bougainvillea Trail and has planted 104 large-sized plants at the entrance and 30 additional plants on the north side, 36 on the south, and 200 additional bougainvilleas in yards. It was further announced the Edinburg club made $200 for the Bougainvillea Trail with a benefit staged one night.

Weslaco's benefit for the trail netted over $100 and McAllen reported $41 from magazine subscriptions.

To Border Airport

Mrs. G. W. Johnson announced her plan for having bougainvillea set out around the entire stretch of fence bordering the Pan-American airport at Brownsville and asked assistance in the large undertaking.

Mrs. Stuart suggested that each club send a list of the most beautiful plantings in each locality so that visitors might be shown the most beautiful sights in the Valley.

Mrs. Walter K. Campbell, McAllen, made an announcement regarding the annual Rose Day observances in January and named Mrs. O. E. Van Berg, Mercedes, Mrs. H. O. Schaleben, Edinburg, and Mrs. Volney W. Taylor, Brownsville, as members of her committee. Mrs. George W. McCullough, Pharr, will serve as her assistant.

Prize for largest attendance went to Brownsville for the second consecutive time.

The group voted to take a covered dish luncheon to meetings of the council in January and February and at the same time to pay the usual 50 cents for the purpose of obtaining money to defray incidental expenses for the state Garden Club convention which will be held in the Valley in March. Next meeting will be in McAllen and the February meeting will be in Weslaco.

Highlight of the entire day was the fascinating talk given by Mrs. G. W. Johnson of Brownsville. She was introduced by Mrs. R. W. Fenwick of Edinburg.

Mrs. Johnson gave observations made during a stay of eight months in California and declared that California was originally a desert land and that almost all its beauty has been imported.

She compred the wild flowers of the Valley and California, saying the latter are more abundant but not more gorgeous. Especially impressive was her description of her visit to the Golden Gate Park and interview with the engineer who created a gorgeous park from wasteland.

A pilgrimage to the ancient gardens lair out by the friars, under the leadership of Charles Adams, which are being restored with original old-fashioned flowers, the beauty of the camellias, especially one over 70 years old and ceiling high, and other observations were of special interest.

Poinsettias Superior

Poinsettias grown in the Valley are far superior to those of California, Mrs. Johnson said, in urging much more abundant plantings of the blossoms, especially on vacant lots. Vacant lots in California are a-bloom with flowers she said.

Belief that the Valley should specialize in the planting of tropical and semi-tropical flowers, was expressed by the speaker. She suggested wisteria, acacias, eucaluptus, and possibly the monkey puzzle tree or araucoria.

The sumptuous turkey luncheon was a traditional Christmas feast and was served at tables decorated with a variety of blossoms and flowers. One table was done with bougainvilleas; another featured chile quipines and roses; and still another poinsettias.

During the luncheon Mrs. N. G. Chatelle sang "The Heart of a Rose," an original song dedicated to the hostess club. Mrs. Chatelle gave a story of the song and what she desired it to represent to the club members and to the world.

Mrs. Fackleman Hostess To Club

RAYMONDVILLE—Mrs. R. H. Fackleman prepared a delightful breakfast on Tuesday morning for members of her club.

Enjoying her hospitality and bridge that followed were Mesdames H. E. Tomme, H. W. Cook, L. O. Robbins, J. K. Smith, F. B. Wilson, E. H. Jamison and Murray Floyd.

Mrs. Smith received high award.

Edcouch Child Honor Guest On Birthday

EDCOUCH—Poinsettias were used to create a holiday motif when Mrs. F. P. Archer entertained with a children's party honoring the seventh birthday anniversary of her son, Billie Jack.

The young guests spent a very pleasant afternoon playing children's games. Balls and balloons were favors.

The pretty birthday cake was served with ice cream cones to the honoree and Dorothy Belle Leggett, Jimmie Lee Archer, Helen Marie Brieger, Evelyn and Rodgers Barker, Jardon Jones, Nancy Grass, Barbara Kay Cellum, Emma Gene Galbreath, and Buddy Poignee.

Mesdames J. B. Lester and W. K. Galbreath entertained at the home of the latter on Tuesday evening with a pretty party honoring husbands of the Eighty-four Club members.

The Christmas motif was noted in the decorations of the home and in the refreshments. A large, beautifully decorated Christmas tree gave emphasis to the chosen theme.

Miniature Christmas trees were used to decorate the individual cakes, served with cocoa and sandwiches.

Guests were Messers and Mesdames Carl Poignee, J. B. Lester, R. G. Bell and Mesdames A. J. Stephens and E. B. Baker and W. K. Galbreath.

Red and white chrysanthemums created a pretty holiday environment when Mrs. Henry Watson entertained members of the Thursday Bridge Club on Thursday afternoon.

High score was held by Mrs. Gordon Smith and travelling prize went to Mrs. W. C. Moore.

A pleasing refreshment course was served to Mesdames J. F. Byrnes, J. B. Ewing, M. P. Lackland, E. W. Martin, A. T. Moore, G. C. Norris, W. C. Moore and Gordon Smith.

Plans were completed for the Christmas party to be held December 20 at the home of Rubye and Geraldine Harbison at a meeting Thursday afternoon. The girls will each be allowed to invite a boy friend to this annual club event.

Announcement was made that the judging committee from the Home Demonstration Club County Council would judge the records of the candidates for the Gold Star Girl on December 29. Aileen Wade is the candidate from the Edcouch-Elsa 4-H Club.

Three new members, Celestine Carroll, Barbara Minyard, and Betty Spaulding were enrolled.

Following the business session, Miss Marie Miller gave a demonstration on making Christmas candy.

Later the candy was served with cake and punch to Billie Louise Harbison, Sally Ann Dyal, Aileen and Mary Ellen Wade, Geraldine Harbison, Rosemary Adkins, Doris May Wade, Naomi Vivian, Helen Brieger, Celestine Carroll, Barbara Minyard, Mary Evelyn and Betty Spaulding, Perry Jo Miller, Miss Miller and Mrs. Dyal, sponsor.

Joy Gifts Given At Circle Session

McALLEN—Mrs. Charles Jones at her home Thursday entertained members of circle two of the First Presbyterian Church when joy gifts were exchanged.

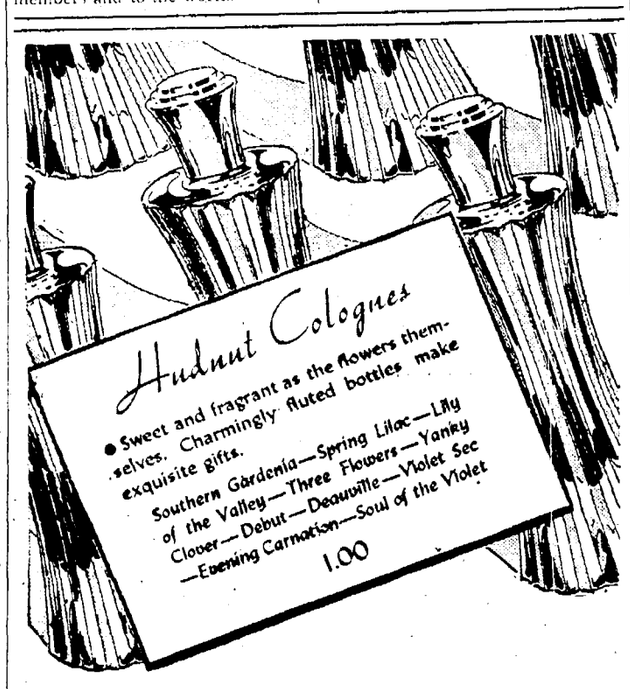
The event opened with a covered dish luncheon.

Mrs. June Bixby gave the devotional, assisted by Mrs. E. A. Lindsey.

Mrs. Winfree and Mrs. O. O. West presented the impressive Christmas program, prior to the gift exchange.

Twenty-two members were present with guests Mrs. Gus Johnson of Austin; Mrs. Lindsey and Mrs. Ronald Zachman, auxiliary president.

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Second annual Christmas vespers will be played by Miss Virginia Perry, pictured at the console of the memorial organ in the First Methodist Church, Sunday, December 22, in the Methodist Church. Miss Perry will play a selected concert of music beloved at Christmastime by many peoples for many years. By request on the part of many who attended the vespers last Yuletide, Miss Perry will repeat most of the numbers. The complete program will be announced the day of the concert. (Staff Photo.)

Christmas Tradition Is Observed By Class

HARLINGEN — The elaborate Christmas dinner and program, given Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Clark on the Harlingen highway, was a traditional event for members of the Gleaners Class of the First Baptist church who were hostesses. About 60 members and guests were seated at the long U-shaped table in a setting made delightfully festive with sparkling Christmas tree, candles, greens and poinsettias, and colored lights.

Included among the guests were a number of teachers in the Sunday School who formerly were members of the class.

A traditional Christmas turkey dinner with the traditional accompanying dishes were served. Later Santa arrived to distribute a gift to each person.

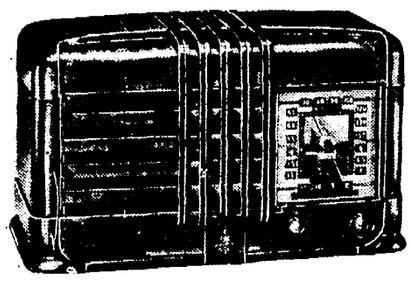
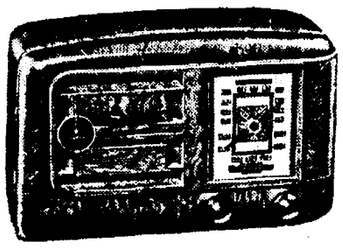
Missionary Program Presented At Meet

PHARR—"China and Japan" was the topic for the missionary study program, in charge of Mrs. Fred McGehee, at a monthly study and social meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church here, at the home of Mrs. George Ely in McAllen, with Mrs. A. J. Flowers, Mrs. A. B. Fields and Mrs. Wesley Linn as assistant hostesses.

Gifts were brought by the members for the Community Chest for needy children. The Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations and refreshments.

Bullocks Arrive

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Bullock have arrived from their home in Des Moines, Iowa, to spend the winter in Brownsville. They are located at El Jardin Hotel.

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Former Valley Couple Wed At Corpus

McALLEN—Announcement was made here Friday of the marriage of Miss Wilma Pearl Saunders of McAllen and Carroll V. Tanner of Corpus Christi at the latter city December 7.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Saunders of McAllen and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Tanner of Mission.

The evening ceremony, attended only by close friends and of the couple, was solemnized at the home of Mrs. D. C. Decker at Corpus Christi.

The couple returned to Corpus Christi Thursday where they will be at home at 1320 Eleventh Street.

The bride, who formerly was employed here, is now employed at the Corpus Christi Naval Base. The groom is an architect there.

For the ceremony the Decker home was bright with winter flowers. A pink and white trimmed bridal cake was served during the informal reception following the ceremony.

For her wedding Mrs. Tanner wore a royal blue street frock, trimmed with white lace. Her corsage of white stock matched the trimming.

Her attendant, Miss Margaret McBride wore a dark blue gown whose large red buttons combined effectively with the red carnation corsage she wore.

Best man was Arthur Dee Decker of Corpus Christi.

Easter Rites To Be Staged

MERCEDES — A Valley-wide Easter sunrise service is being planned by the Eighth district of the Texas Federation of Music Clubs. This colorful event is to be staged on a hill, west of the Seay Club House, on the Baseline Road about four miles north of Mercedes. This hill is easily accessible and is located in the center of the Valley.

The program for this sacred festival on Easter morning will be completed immediately after the New Year, according to Mrs. H. E. Hager of Mercedes, district president. Committees will be appointed to make the arrangements for the necessary equipment. Permission has been secured from the Rio Grande Land and Irrigation Company for the use of this elevated acreage for this service.

The services, patterned after those conducted each year in the Hollywood Bowl in California, will consist of songs, tableaux, and instrumental music heralding the ressurrection theme. The Mercedes Chamber of Commerce is cooperating with the district music club officials in the staging of this elaborate program. Mr. and Mrs. L. S. St. Clair Fisher of Mission will be in charge of the music and tableaux.

Green And White Bridal Theme Used For Pretty Tea For Mrs. Leon Perl

Mrs. Sam Perl Compliments Recent Bride At Event Attended By 125

BROWNSVILLE — One of the very pretty recent parties was the afternoon tea at which Mrs. Sam Perl entertained for Mrs. Leon Perl, a recent bride. The affair was held Thursday afternoon between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock at the Sam Perl home in Los Ebanos.

About 125 guests calling during the designated hours.

A green and white theme had been developed prettily throughout the rooms, with white roses, white stock, and while gladioli being the chosen blossoms. In the living room, there were two large arrangements of white gladioli in the living room, and set on a side table was a small bowl filled with white stock and set on a mirror plaque.

In a small room off the reception hall, an especially effective, low arrangement of white full blown roses was flanked by tall candlesticks holding white tapers.

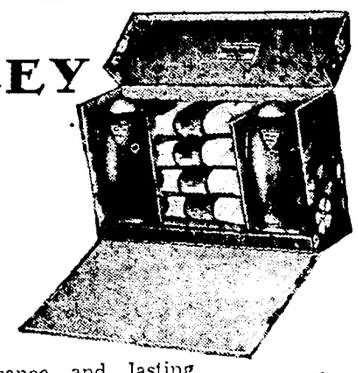
Receiving the guests were the honoree and the hostess. Mrs. Leon Perl wore an especially modish and becoming, gown of white silk jersey, made with long, full sleeves, a gathered skirt, and a Russian military vest of green velvet embroidered in gold. Her flowers were white carnations and were worn in her hair. Mrs. Sam Perl wore a jacket gown fashioned with a jacket of pale rose wool jersey, with gold trim and a skirt of grey crepe. She wore sweetheart roses in corsage.

Assisting Mrs. Perl in entertaining were Mrs. Oscar M. Longnecker, Jr., who wore black taffeta with trim of American beauty and a corsage of red roses; Mrs. I. Dorfman, in sapphire blue velvet with corsage of pink roses, Mrs. M. Edelstein, in cream satin blouse and black velvet skirt with corsage of pink ranunculi; Mrs. H. Peter Oshman in shirtwaist frock of black jersey with blouse of American beauty and worn with a corsage of white carnations.

The members of the houseparty alternated in serving at the tea table, which was especially pretty and effective. Laid with white embroidered linen with inserts of lace, the table was centered with low rectangular containers holding white rosebuds and white stock, surrounding a mirror reflector. Tall white tapers burned in low crystal holders. Centering the sideboard was a many-branched crystal candelabrum holding white tapers, and at one end was a tall vase holding white gladioli. The tea daintics carried out the bridal theme of green and white also.

Mrs. Leon Perl was until her recent marriage Mrs. Corinne Pupkin Shapere.

PHARR—Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Nycum spent Friday and Saturday in Laredo.

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Edinburg Club Will Present Music Recital

Young Pianist To Be Featured

EDINBURG—The Musical Culture Club of Edinburg will present Miss Doris Bolls, talented young pianist, in a concert Thursday evening, December 19, at 8 o'clock in the Edinburg auditorium.

Miss Bolls will play a program of interesting numbers chosen from the works of Chopin, DeBussy, Liszt, Grieg, and a new composition by her teacher, Daniel Muller with whom she has worked for 5 years.

The Liszt number will be the Spanish Rhapsody arranged for two pianos by Busoni and Miss Esther Combs will play the second piano.

Miss Combs is a well known pianist and also has an outstanding soprano voice.

Wayne Muir of Alamo will assist with a group of tenor solos with Shirley Ward, Alamo, accompanying. Both are students of the Muller School of Music and Edinburg Junior College.

All music lovers in the Valley are invited to the concert.

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Club Enjoys Unique Event

SAN BENITO — Mrs. Lee Hugon entertained the Silk Stocking Club at her home Thursday afternoon. A Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations. Poinsettias decorated the living room and the tallies and score pads bore a Christmas motif. The salad course served upon the arrival of the guests was red and green stressing the chosen theme.

When playing ended Mrs. Ted Hudson held high.

Members and guests playing were Mesdames Othel Gigham, Jack Ehlers, R. A. Ewing, Mary Anderson Foehner, Ted Hudson, Afl Lamm, H. Miller. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Al Lamm.

Members of the Art League met at the home of Miss Margaret McCandless Thursday afternoon for the Anual Christmas party.

Poinsettias decorated the home and the center of interest was the pretty Christmas tree.

Mrs. H. V. Gordon played several piano selections. Mrs. F. W. Burgess gave a talk on the Last Supper and the picture displayed. Mrs. O. T. Roots played several guitar selections and Christmas Carols were sung by the group accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Gordon.

Gifts were exchanged with quiz verses identifying the owners.

Members attending were Mesdames E. A. Daugherty, Mary T. Landrum, A. W. Fitzpatrick, Elmer Morris, A. R. Motheral, Fred Taylor, W. E. McKenzie, Frank Mayfield, F. W. Burgess, Mina Schroeder, N. B. Tankersley, J. W. Spradley, H. V. Gordon, A. T. Roots, A. C. Childers, and Misses Lillie Terrell, and the hostess.

The Athenian Club met at the home of Mrs. John Prentiss Wednesday afternoon for the annual Bible Day program, and Christmas party.

Mrs. John Shelander was leader for the program and gave an interesting talk on Feast days for Children of Israel.

Following the program the Christmas party was enjoyed. The home was decorated with poinsettias, and Mrs. Alex Kerr, social chairman acted as "Santa Claus," distributing the gifts from the pretty Christmas tree in the dining room. Mrs. Dorothy Maroney was present as a new member of the club.

An offering for the library was taken and the Women's Council luncheon next Thursday was announced and all members urged to attend.

The Aurora Club met at the home of Mrs. Lee Roy Crawford Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Myrtle Bowman, member of the high school faculty was guest speaker and gave an interesting talk on "Making a House a H. me."

Plans were made for the club's Christmas party to be held next Wednesday, December 18th at the home of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, president.

Two new members were present Mrs. R. A. Curtis and Mrs. Cowan Robinson. Others attending were Mesdames Harrel Hollon, T. W. Lewis, H. C. Masse, D. A. Michael, A. R. MsHane, Charles Townesnd, Brad Mason, A. W. Boynton, Woodrow Wilson and Lee Roy Crawford.

Child Welfare Plan Being Carried Out

SEBASTIAN — The Sebastian Parent-Teacher organization met in the school auditorium Wednesday with Mrs. Harry Kolterman presiding. The executive committee met at 2:30.

Principal speaker was B. C. Stallings, local relief chairman, who presented an outline of the extension program of feeding underprivileged children. The Parent-Teacher Association is to sponsor the work in the local school.

The program was presented by the folk dancing class under the direction of Mrs. Ray Morrison.

Mrs. C. A. Wynn, sponsor of fourth grade, and Mrs. W. L. Clarida and Mrs. Francisco Cortazo, room mothers, served a delicious buffet luncheon from a table decorated with red candles and poinsettias.

FROM MINNEAPOLIS

WESLACO—Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lentz of Minneapolis, Minn., are guests of Mrs. F. F. Emmons and family. Mr. Lentz, who has received recognition as a golf enthusiast, played at Harlingen Wednesday and at Brownsville Thursday.

Knits For Christmas



Mrs. Roger Robinson was hostess for the smart Christmas luncheon enjoyed by the Raymondville Women's Club as one of the outstanding events of the preholiday season. She was snapped by the photographer in her home as she used a few moments of leisure to do a bit of Christmas knitting. (Staff Photo.)

Panel Discussion Held On Foreign Policies At Inter-Club Forum

MISSION — Contemporary problems of American diplomacy were discussed by representatives of 25 organizations as the climax to the panel discussion of national foreign policies which opened the first session of the International Relations Inter-Club Forum, held Thursday night at the Mission public library under the sponsorship of the Misison branch, A. A. U. W.

Three angles of foreign policy developments were aired by speaker in the panel discussion introduced by Miss Alice Frad, A. A. U. W. president, and moderator for the evening's forum. R. D Cox, Rotary club representative, traced the history of international diplomacy giving particular stress to the development of customs and usages of international law as observed by the United States. Efforts of contemporary statesmen to contribute toward inter-continent solidarity through the Pan-American conferences have been among the most praiseworthy achievements of the present day, the speaker said.

Mrs. L. G. Plyler, representing the P. E. O. chapter, traced problems growing out of the World War (Versailles) and Kellogg-Briand pacts. Of the two courses to follow in forming a post-war pact, the Versailles treaty was a compromise between the power politics and the collective security of fair courses, Mrs. Plyler outlined. Viewed from the present day conflicts, the treaty is another in the vicious cycle of bitter wars and vindictive treaties among European nations seeking self-preservation, Mrs. Plyler said.

Late developments on contemporary foreign policies were outlined in the talk on "America's Choice Today" given by Oswaldo Ramirez, representative of the Club Latinos del Valle and the South Mission Chamber of Commerce. American foreign policies very with different parts of the world because of strategic and economic factors concerned in our relations with the respective countries. With the fall of France, present day politics affected a decided change, the speaker showed, as the realization of the need for adequate national defense became apparent. As a result, the need for hemisphere defense was realized and American diplomats concentrated on building a stronger navy and stronger relations with other countries in the hemisphere. Two factors are to be considered, the speaker showed—the time factor, which is against us and the distance factor which is in our favor.

Three questions discussed in the spirited forum period which followed the panel included the possibilities of the danger of invasion, the suppression of news of foreign affairs, and the most feasible method of organizing potential resources for national defense without taking on the characteristics of a Nazi-Fascist system in the name of anti-Fascism.

Objectives of the inter-club forum were outlined by Miss Frad in the introductory section of the program. With more than 25 organizations represented, the forum seeks to offer and obtain a cross section of opinion toward the mutual improvements in international relations; to coordinate work being done by the several organizations avoiding duplications and supplementing existing programs; and to offer a medium through which general information of community interest may be disseminated.

Later forum programs are scheduled for February and April. Representatives at the first forum included W. R. Bialock, American Legion; J. E. Williams, Lions club; R. D. Cox, Rotary club; Oswaldo Ramirez, Club Latinos del Valle and South Mission Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. L. G. Plyler, P.E.O.; Mrs. H. E. Heppenstall, Cosmopolitan Study club; Doris Pearson, Girl Reserves; Mrs. T. R. Card, Music club; Mrs. W. G. Triplett, Wilson P.-T.A.; Mrs. A. E. S. de Bessieres, Legion auxiliary; Mrs. Joaquin Martinez, Alumni Association; Mrs. E. R. McWilliams, Woman's Tuesday club; Mrs. A. R. Schuelke, Eight and Forty; Mrs. T. W. Carter, N. Mission Home Demonstration club; Mrs. Pedro Barrera, Josefa de Ortiz Dominquez; Wilma Thiele, Pan American Student Forum; Mrs. C. E. Storms, Sharyland Home Demonstration club; Mrs. Lucy H. Wallace, Mission Garden club; Jack Wright, Hi-Y club; Miss Caroline Robbins, A.A.U.W. delegate, and Mrs. W. R. Bialock, Mrs. A. A. Henricksen, Miss Mildred Nelson, Mrs. P. C. Avery, A.A.U.W. members; Miss Frad, moderator.

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Raymondville Couple Plans Open House

RAYMONDVILLE—Reverend and Mrs. Charles T. Hardt will have open house on Sunday afternoon, December 15, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Members of the Methodist church and friends throughout the town are most cordially invited.

All December birthdays of children in the Presbyterian Church school will be celebrated on Sunday morning, December 15, in a special little ceremony following the regular class period.

Cradle roll babies have been invited and little birthday cakes will be presented. Special music will feature the brief service.

The Presbyterian Church in all its departments will celebrate the Christmas season with a special program on Sunday evening, December 22, at 7 o'clock.

"Abide With Me" by Joseph M. Garrison will be presented by members of the various departments. The program will include the candle-light procession and other traditional scenes dear to the heart at Christmas time.

Following the service a group will go carol singing accompanied by wood-wind instruments.

The Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church will meet on Monday at 3 o'clock at the church. Theme: "Christmas and the Christian Home." Mrs. D. E. Decker is program leader. Mrs. C. J. Scott, president.

The Woman's Missionary group of the Baptist Church will meet with Mrs. Perry Holder on Monday at 3 o'clock for the program arranged and Christmas party.

Civic Leaguers To Hold Christmas Party Tuesday

BROWNSVILLE — Members of the Civic League will gather Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Quinta la Paz, home of Mrs. Volney W. Taylor, for the annual Christmas party. Members are urged to note the change from the regular meeting day of Thursday.

There will be an exchange of gifts among the members, and the group is asked to bring presents for the Charity home. Mrs. G. W. Johnson will be in charge of the program for the afternoon.

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Bascom Coxes Occupy New Home



Mrs. Bascom Cox of Brownsville is shown in one corner of her attractive new home. She and Mr. Cox recently moved into the new structure, one of the many attractive ones in Los Ebanos. The home is located on Palm Boulevard. (Staff Photo.)

Mrs. P. W. Hirst To Be Heard In Junior Program

BROWNSVILLE — Mrs. Penrose Hirst will be the special speaker presented for members of the Junior Self-Culture club at the regular meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Miss Bett Rockwell. Mrs. Hirst will talk on Women in the Bible.

The program meeting is scheduled for 3:30 o'clock, and an earlier meeting, at 1:30 o'clock, is called for the community center of the Buena Vida housing project, where the group will decorate a Christmas tree for the nursery school.

Announcement Made Of Recent Nuptials

PHARR — Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baden announce the marriage of their daughter, Edna, to Fred Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Erickson, of McAllen. The impressive service was read Friday, December 6, by Rev. Archie Reed, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Weslaco, at the manse in Weslaco.

The bride wore a frock of Bermuda green crepe with black accessories. Her corsage of yellow chrysanthemums and roses was tied with white bands of tulle.

The couple, who are well-known in the upper Valley, will reside in McAllen.

Altar Group Plans Party For Friday

BROWNSVILLE—Members of the Altar Society of the Sacred Heart church will be hostesses at a Christmas party to ladies of the parish at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Wright Friday afternoon. The affair will be held between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock at the Wright home, located 2 and one-half miles outside Brownsville on the Port road.

All ladies of the parish, and visitors, are cordially invited to attend. Those who desire to attend, and who have no means of transportation, may call one of the hostess group and transportation will be provided.

Those acting as hostesses for the afternoon will be Mrs. Wright, Mrs. I. S. Steiner, Mrs. Arthur Pitt, Mrs. John B. Puckett, Mrs. E. E. Richards and Mrs. Oscar G. Schendel.

Bank robbery reached its peak in the United States in 1932.

Holiday Guests Expected At Peek, Harriss Homes

BROWNSVILLE—Holiday guests expected in Brownsville the latter part of next week are Mrs. Baylis E. Harriss of Galveston, who will be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Harriss Peek; and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Turner of Waco, who will be the guest of their daughter, Mrs. Robert L. Harriss and Mr. Harriss. The visitors will remain throughout the holidays.

Ladies Aid Yule Party Is Held

BROWNSVILLE—Members of the Lutheran Ladies Aid were entertained with a Christmas party when Mrs. Ben Schroeder was hostess at her home Wednesday afternoon.

The hostess used poinsettias in profusion throughout the guest suite, and on the mantelpiece a small Christmas tree and holly. Centerpiece for the refreshment table was an especially pretty arrangement of red gladioli and red tapers.

The group sang Christmas carols as a prelude to a musical program which included, vocal solos, Christmas sings, the Rev. William C. Graumann, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Graumann; two piano duets, Mrs. D. D. Norton and Mrs. Graumann; Christmas selections by the high school girls choral society, directed by Mrs. Mildred Ormesher Hazelwood.

At the close of the program, each nne was given a small gift from the Christmas tree.

Attending the session were Mesdames E. Klockman, N. E. Dutro, G. Langner, Ben H. Pabst, T. Rommer, Fred Mullick, W. A. Ross, D. D. Norton, O. J. Davis, Earl Barber, Oscar Colberg, J. H. Kidder, S. McKone, Rusted, W. C. Graumann, Otto A. Manske, and Dr. Johephine Ridell.

Concert Set For Friday

HARLINGEN—The Music Lovers Club is sponsoring a program of Christmas music Friday, November 20, at eight o'clock in the First Methodist Church. The various churches of the community are cooperating in the program which promises to be especially enjoyable and inspiring.

The general public is urged to attend.

There will be no regular meeting of the Music Club Wednesday.

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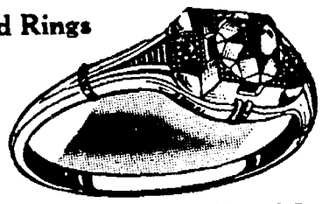


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Lighting Contest Details Set

Los Ebanos Garden Club To Be Sponsor

BROWNSVILLE — Discussion of the Christmas lighting contest to be sponsored by Los Ebanos Garden club was the main interest at the Thursday morning meeting of the club at the home of Mrs. Herbert D. Seago.

This is the second annual contest to be sponsored by the club, and members are again urging all residents of Brownsville to participate in the event, no matter how modestly. Aside from the members' participation in the lighting scheme, as a beautification project for the holiday season, the club plans as its contribution the beautification and lighting of Los Ebanos gates.

Through the cooperation of the city, the club is offering a prize of full payment of the December light bill for the most effective lighting. This is donated by the city.

Judging will be done Christmas Eve by a committee chosen by the club which will be named later. This committee will be drawn from strictly non-partisan groups.

Mrs. Larry Lightner was in charge of the program for the day giving an interesting talk on Christmas decorations, for outdoor and indoors, and gave the original of a number of Christmas customs.

The club members were especially gratified to hear that planting of the boulevard is nearly completed.

The next meeting will be held January 30 at the home of Mrs. Lightner.

Children To Be Honorees

HARLINGEN—Friday, December 20, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., a Christmas party will be held in the Knights of Columbus Hall for children of St. Anthony's Catholic Church whose ages range from four to thirteen years. An elaborate program of games and entertainment is planned with a Christmas tree and presentation of gifts and a refreshment table decorated in keeping with the holiday season.

Mrs. Frank May is chairman for the event. Other members of the committee include Mesdames George Young, Lester Meng, Ted Johnston and John Tucker.

GUILD MEETING SET FOR MONDAY

St. Alban's Episcopal Guild will meet Monday at the rectory, 702 E. Van Buren. Hostesses will be Mesdames Adam Bennett, Phil Bleakney, Bert Patterson, and A. Manning.

METHODIST WOMEN TO CLOSE YEAR

The Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service meets at the church at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday for the final business meeting of the year. Members are urged to arrive promptly at 2:30 o'clock in order that adjournment may be had in time for members and their children to attend the Clare Tree Major Children's Theatre.

COMBINED MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY

The Harlingen Child Study Club will meet Thursday at 3:15 p.m. at the home of Mrs. A. H. Goldammer for a business meeting and a joint Christmas party for the children of members. Mrs. R. W. Frush and Mrs. Glen Schuepbach will be cohostesses.

Mrs. Walter G. Maloan will relate the Christmas story.

P. E. O. CHAPTER WILL GIVE TEA

Members of Chapter T, P.E.O. Sisterhood will entertain with a tea Monday from 3:30 to 5:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. R. W. Frush, 202 W. Buchanan. Mrs. W. M. Driskill is president of the hostess group.

Dinner Party Set

BROWNSVILLE—Christmas party of the Wednesday evening bridge club this year will be in the form of a dinner when Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wiech will be hosts at their home Wednesday.

Wedding Is Christmas



Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Young of Lyford announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Lorene, to W. J. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Allen of Wichita Falls. The wedding will take place Christmas Day at the home of Miss Young's aunt, Mrs. F. E. Stallings. The young couple will reside in Duncan, Okla., where Mr. Allen is connected with the Halliburton's Supply Company. (Holbrook Studio.)

Surprise Shower Given To Honor Lorene Young Is Pretty Lyford Event

LYFORD—Miss Lorene Young, bride-elect of W. J. Allen of Duncan, Okla., was honored with a surprise bridal shower and tea given Monday evening in the home of Mrs. A. E. Parker. The Christmas season was reflected in the room decoration featuring a profusion of poinsettias banked in fern.

Hostesses for the attractive hospitality included Mesdames A. E. Parker, Grady Whittle, and Joe Cantu and Miss Linnie Cummings.

In the early afternoon the group enjoyed the singing of Christmas carols.

Many lovely and useful gifts were presented to the honoree.

Forming the guest group were Mesdames W. N. Elliott, Florence Carlson, A. K. Hocott, T. H. McDonald, J. L. Box, S. L. Sowards, Lila Bagley, J. D. Keene, H. Mooradian, F. E. Stallings, Bill Corder, A. J. Critchfield, Dave Goss, Fred Stone, Cooper Wilson, Ralph Archer, J. H. Williams, T. D. Dunaway, Grady Whittle.

Mesdames T. R. Stanford, Raymond Hocott, Floyd Plum, Howard Haygood, I. L. Jones, Clyde E. Craig, F. L. Young, T. Boone, J. C. Strawn, and Janet Strawn, Misses Lucile Parks, Mary McKeand, Pearl Harrell, Vesta Ferguson, Janice Craig.

Simple Rites Solemnized

HARLINGEN — Mrs. Mattie Butler of Louisiana and E. R. Benedict of Alamo were married Thursday afternoon in a simple ceremony performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Head. Rev. Cal McGahey of Combes was the officiating minister.

The bride wore a costume of soldier blue with a corsage of pink Columbia roses.

Only witnesses for the ceremony were members of the Head family and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Pye, and Mrs. Belva DuBose of Primera. Pink roses were arranged about the home and decorated the table from which cake and coffee were served after the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Benedict will reside in Alamo.

Buffet Supper

MISSION — Christmas colors predominated in the appointments for the buffet supper which Mrs. Adolfo de la Garza and Mrs. Alfredo Barrera gave for members of the Josefa Ortiz de Domingues Study Club at the former's home.

Green candles in white holders were used with sprays of poinsettias to form the centerpiece of the buffet table. Miniature reindeer were presented as favors.

Progressive Dinner Plans Are Laid By Girls Club

BROWNSVILLE — Decision to hold a progressive Mexican dinner New Year's Eve in honor of former club members was reached by members of the Bourgeoisie club at the home of Lila Lee Prosser.

The event will honor Beth Personett and Helen Jean Russell who will be at home from school for the holidays.

There was a drawing of names for an exchange of gifts.

The hostess served a delightful refreshment course to Misses Rose Alice Bishop, Jeanette Hofheinz, Billie Lee and Elizabeth White.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, December 21.

Groups Plan Events For Christmas

HARLINGEN — Annual Christmas banquet of the Harlingen Business and Professional Women's Club will be held Monday at 7:45 p.m. at the Reese-Wil-Mond Hotel.

The Christmas program will be in charge of Miss Joyce Wilson.

Reservations should be made with Myrtle Householder, 671, or Vera Turner, 420-W.

ALATHEAN CLASS MEETS WEDNESDAY

The Alathean Class of the First Methodist church will hold their annual Christmas party Wednesday from three to five o'clock at the home of Mrs. D. B. Dunkin, 1802 South First St. in Finwood Heights.

CHRISTMAS DANCE PLANNED BY GROUP

Harlingen Assembly of the Order of the Rainbow will hold a regular meeting Monday, December 16, at 5 p.m. at the Masonic Hall when delegates of the order will be exemplified and a Christmas party held. Plans will be completed for a Christmas dance December 23.

All officers and members are urged to be present and members of the Star and Masonic chapters are invited.

Grand Officer Makes Visit

HARLINGEN — Official visit of Mrs. Jane Hensley, La Feria, deputy grand matron, gave special interest to the regular meeting of Harlingen Chapter 641 Thursday evening. Mrs. Mary Bowers, worthy matron presided.

A large number of guests were present including Mrs. Aline Atterberry, worthy matron for the Mercedes chapter, and Mrs. Margaret Ryman and Mr. Bennett, worthy matron and worthy patron respectively for the Brownsville chapter.

Mrs. Hensley gave instructions to the chapter from Grand chapter and was presented with a lovely vase as a token from the Harlingen group. Presentation was made by Mrs. Celia Fristoe.

Special music was furnished by Mrs. Jenne Bennet and Mrs. Mable Lee Perry.

The reception committee included Mesdames Helen Smith, Denna Thompson, and Edna Thompson.

Colorful poinsettias were used to decorate the chapter room and to form the centerpiece for the attractive refreshment table. Mrs. Edna Thompson and Mrs. Gussie Mae Carr were seated at the table pouring coffee and serving individual cakes topped by poinsettias and other dainties.

The decoration committee was composed of Mrs. Ella Grimsell and Mrs. Jennie Spangler and Mrs. Maudine Lambert and Mrs. Lucy Caulk were on the refreshment committee.

Alton Amadeus Club Plans Yule Party

MISSION — Plans for the Alton Amadeus Club's annual Christmas party were made this week when members were guests of Miss Lulu Thompson for a business meeting directed by Mrs. J. W. Pierce, vice president. The party will be held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ewing Jennings.

Three guests at this week's meeting were Mrs. Bert Akers, Mrs. Dan Loganbill and Mrs. Pearl Hall. Members were Mesdames Richard Bayne, Robert Bormann, S. L. Brascamp, H. A. Feinbold, J. D. Harper, L. L. Hawkinson, H. Hill, Claude Hilburn, Edd Houston, J. D. Jennings, T. B. Norman, C. O. Papke, Howard Quick, Calvin Quick, Josephine Thompson, Merle Wright, Albert Wicks, Otto Woods, Ollie Williams, Pierce and the hostess.

Refreshments were served at the tea hour.

The port of Montreal is the largest in Canada.

California Guest Goes



Mrs. Don Lewis, with Mr. Lewis, left Thursday for their home in Los Angeles, after spending ten days with Mrs. Lewis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Humphrey. Mrs. Lewis was honoree for several interesting informal affairs during her stay. (Holbrook Studio.)

Author Of Pageant



Mrs. H. B. Scott, Donna, prominent in social and civic groups, is the author-producer of the Bougainvillea Pageant presented during Donna's Dia Grande and acclaimed as the Valley's outstanding pageant. She is one of the most active members of the Donna Garden Club. (Hall Studio, Weslaco.)

A Cappella Of Tri-City Sings Tuesday

ALAMO — The Pharr-San Juan-Alamo high school A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Ward Timmons, director of vocal music, will present a concert at the high school auditorium on Tuesday night, Dec. 17 at eight o'clock. The admission of 15 and 25 cents will be used toward purchase of their new robes of white and blue satin. The richly varied choral program, promises to be one of the best in the history of the school. Personnel of the choir includes first sopranos: Cleda Jo Bentley, Betty Carrothers, Margaret Chastain, Betty Davis, Edwella Draeger, Willa Jean Farris, Anna Mae Flowers, Hazel Ingram, Sylvia Jones, Joy Levens, Virginia Wahlers and Evelyn Whitlock.

Second sopranos . . . Rosalie Carrothers, Ruth de Shazo, Bette Mark, Wilma Ruth Muir, Belva Jean Norton, Carolyn Perkins, Maxine Richards, Jackie Richeson, Shirley Roberts, Thelma Rae Savell, Opal Scott, Jeanette Toothaker.

First altos . . . Mae Marie Buckner, Mildred Damron, Lorraine Danner, Joan de Vries, Nellie Faye Morgan, Dorothy Moseley, and Francis Thomason.

Second altos . . . Lillie Mae Damron, Clara Joy Irwin, Joyce Moseley, Margaret Saeta, Elizabeth Smith, and Louise Sorensen.

First tenors . . . Leon Carrothers, Carl Hein, John Roy Reibolt, Harvey Risinger, Wiley Files, Fred Tassell and Alfred Sorensen.

Second tenors . . . Leroy Carrothers, Joe Shedelbower, Earl Tolles, George Unland, J. D. Brooks.

First bass . . . Glen Doty, Billy Farrow, Paul Flowers, Sam Graham, Bob Ricks.

Second bass . . . Donald Carlson, Marvin Graham, D. W. De Shazo, Banks Miller and Kenneth Risinger.

Soloists for the group will be Joy Levens, Willa Jean Farris, Margaret Chastain, Edwella Draeger, Dorothy Moseley and Louise Sorensen.

Junior G.A.'s Plan Christmas Party

HARLINGEN—The Junior G.A.'s of the First Baptist church will hold a Christmas party Saturday, December 21, at the home of Nena Carden. Plans for the social, when a tree will be featured and gifts exchanged, were made at the meeting of the group this week with their sponsor, Mrs. Guy Fry, 410 E. Polk.

New officers were elected as follows: Claudia Jarrett, president; Lucille Wetegrove, vice president; and Mildred Jarrett, secretary. Chairmen include Nena Carden, social; Gwendolyn Florence, missions; Mary Cloud stewardship; and La Fonda Cloud, personal service.

A Christmas box for the needy was planned and at the close of the meeting the hostess served a salad course.

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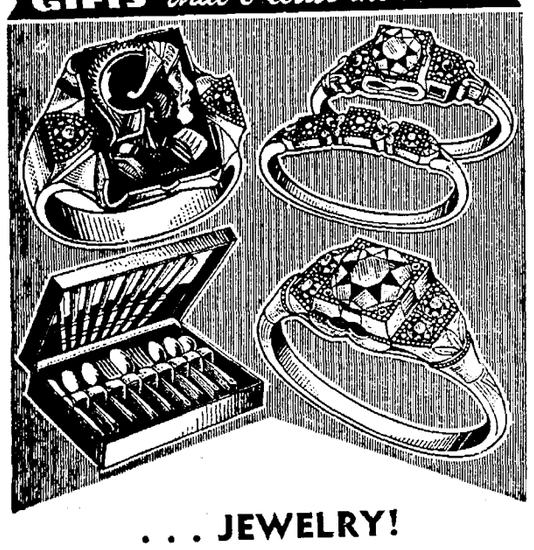
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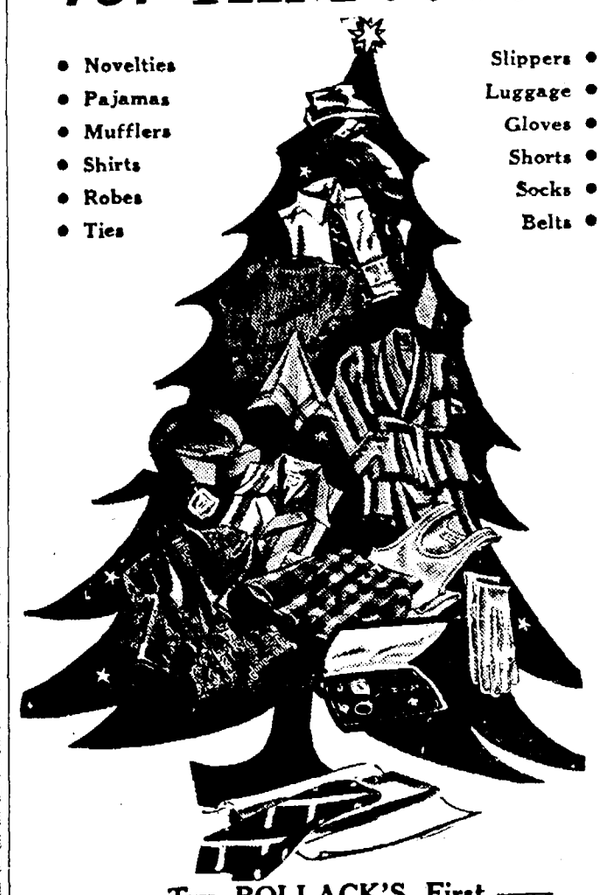
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This 'N That

By MINNIE GILBERT

MISTLETOE hunters have been responsible for the discovery that for some reason this fall mesquite trees have retained their foliage much longe. than usual.

Ordinarily, it's easy to locate the clumps of mistletoe for the round bunches loom up against the nearby bare tree branches.

Although mild, the weather this fall hasn't been particularly warm. There has been more rainfall.

And it's perhaps the moisture that has delayed defoliation.

Many persons have lived in the Valley for years without knowing that mistletoe abounds in the chaparral thickets.

The berries usually are not so white or so clear at Christmastime if the weather has been fairly warm, but usually some bunches that are fully ripened can be located—always on the top branches.

IT'S A SOURCE of satisfaction to us to learn that others share our liking for mesquite trees entirely bare of leaves.

There's no limit to the variety of shapes and curves the limbs and branches follow, the first impression being of extraordinary irregularity followed by a realization that though lacking symmetry, every tree is a study of beauty in line and every one is different.

And, then, of course, the appearance of the new leaves in the early spring is a joy because of their lucious greenness.

Which almost might suggest we're anticipating Easter before having observed Christmas.

IT'S GOING TO be a homey sort of Christmas from the signs that are legion if one thinks to notice.

It may be partly an effect of the war, but the season's trend is festive, informal and inexpensive.

Homemade decorations, goodies, and gifts have become so popular as to be fashionable and many kiddies this year will view Christmas trees strung with popcorn and cranberries for the first time.

IF THE WEATHER permits, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hunter will hold a sort of open house Sunday night from seven to nine o'clock in their garden at 222 W. Buchanan in Harlingen for their datura brougmansia.

At any rate, the unusual night-flowering shrub is to be lighted for that period if the heavy clusters of buds open that night as appeared likely late Friday.

The plant is sometimes miscalled angel's trumpet, of which it is a near relative.

Unlike angel's trumpet, the blossoms of the brougmansia have a pleasantly fragrant odor.

Ground lighting of the plant is to be tried Sunday night for the first time unless weather is unfavorable.

THE CHRISTMAS tree of New Zealand, we learned this week, is the bottlebrush.

The bottlebrush, though still rare, grows in the Valley, but doesn't produce its rust-red brushes until spring.

WILL SOME ONE kindly advise us whether there is a plant quarantine on the roselle—the plant that makes such luscious jelly for the Christmas season?

Being close kin to the okra plant, it seemed not unlikely that it, too, might be banned as a possible host to the pink boll-worm.

A HOBBY that furnishes enjoyment to a large number of friends is Mrs. Annie Jones' yen for collecting old music boxes.

Mrs. Jones, whose home is in McAllen, has collected the interesting musical instruments for a period of years and gives a great deal of pleasure by playing them for groups and telling how she acquired the various ones.

MRS. C. H. Simmons has some fine camellias just now blossoming in her garden near Stuart Place.

USE PALM bark as an inexpensive substitute for peat moss, advises Mrs. J. M. Lancaster of La Feria.

She finds it particularly useful in lining cans in which bougainvillea cuttings are planted as it insures drainage.

Incidentally, the La Feria Garden Club, of which Mrs. Lancaster is a member, is doing a splendid bit of work in presenting a series of programs this year on native shrubs and trees. Closer acquaintance with the Valley's wealth of native flowering plants and trees is the objective of almost all Valley Garden clubs.

UTILIZE ALL surplus cuttings, seeds, or plants from your yard to beautify the lot next door or across the street advises Mrs. Joe Junkin of Harlingen.

Mrs. Junkin, as chairman of the drive to beautify vacant lots in Harlingen, has learned that many gardeners have abandoned the habit of giving surplus from their gardens because their friends have definite plans for their yards and often prefer not to make the changes required by gift plants.

But, there are acres of vacant lots that can absorb many times the normal surplus and still the possibilities for general improvement of the town will not have been touched, Mrs. Junkin asserts.

PROBABLY the greatest result in a short period in the way of beautification has been brought about by the recently organized Flower Lovers Club of Harlingen. Since they started work on Travis Park, between Tyler and Polk, the improvement has been so marked that it gives promise of becoming one of the major beauty spots not only of Harlingen but the entire Valley.

Holiday Idea Stressed At Club Meeting

PHARR — Mrs. Fred Ruecking, assisted by Mrs. Fred McGehee, was hostess Wednesday afternoon, for the pre-holiday meeting of the Progress Club.

The attractive Christmas theme was carried out in every detail. Arrangements of poinsettias, and silvered foliage formed the pretty floral appointments.

The program of entertainment consisted of Christmas carols sung in unison by the club members, and a beautiful Christmas story told by Mrs. H. E. Downs.

Each club member brought a toy to the meeting, as a contribution to the Community Chest for needy children.

Mrs. E. C. Phillips presided over the coffee service at a beautifully laid table.

Those present were Mesdames Edith Baker, O. H. Archer, Roy Marnes, J. G. Bell, W. J. Busby, G. L. Callis, C. B. Cramer, H. E. Downs, E. E. Draeger, R. H. Fitzpatrick, A. J. Flowers, L. M. Flowers, R. E. Grimes, J. O. Jameton, Thomas Joyner, A. M. Kelley, L. L. Lewis, Ed Maule, H. L. Murphy, Rex Norman, E. C. Phillips, R. E. Slocum, C. L. Vernon, Guy Young, Burt Coate, Fred Ruecking and Fred McGehee.

Garden Club Plans Party

LOS FRESNOS — A called meeting of the Los Fresnos Garden Club was held at the home of the club president, Mrs. S. E. Barr on Wednesday afternoon.

During a brief business session plans were made for a Christmas party to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Sappenfield on the evening of December 20 at eight o'clock. Mrs. E. A. Olson and Mrs. F. K. Blackburn will be in charge of the Christmas program.

Refreshments of coffee and cake were served to Mesdames Joe Frankie, F. K. Blackburn, H. S. Ismon, S. S. Sappenfield, E. A. Olson, William Andresen, S. F. Henderson, Paul I. Gabbert, S. E. Barr and Miss Anne Glimme of Cambridge, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kretz have arrived in Los Fresnos to make their home. They were recently married in Springfield, Illinois. Mrs. Kretz was Miss Gertrude Frisch.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewis left Thursday morning for their home in Los Angeles, California after spending ten days with Mrs. Lewis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Humphrey. Mrs. Martha Moses accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Lewis as far as Blythe, California, where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. C. G. Casey.

Mrs. George Laakso had as her luncheon guest Tuesday Dr. Heinsohn of the University Methodist Church at Austin.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met on Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist recreation hall with Mrs. Paul Pederson in charge of the devotional. Mrs. R. S. Coons presented a paper based on the book, "Youth of Today."

During the business session plans were made for a penny supper to be served in the hall on Friday evening, December 13.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Porter and their two grandchildren Gloria and Ray Scott have moved to Mineral Wells.

Kowalski Boy Host At Party On His Birthday

BROWNSVILLE—Fred Kowalski, Jr., entertained members of his honor roll class of St. Joseph's Academy with a party on his eighth birthday, and on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Thursday.

Games occupied the afternoon hours.

Attending were Misses Mary Alice Perez and Anita Kowalski, and Johnny Puckett, Danny Eisaman, Bobby Lieck, Ted Dmitri, Albert and Gilbert Ortiz, Johnny Champion, Carlos Zarate, Joe and Panchito Dosal, Buddy Lieck, Eloy de los Santos, Gilbert Shultz, Frank Crixell, Justo Cisneros, Joe Reyes, Jr., Jerry Givens, and Buddy Lieck.

IN SAN ANTONIO

RAYMONDVILLE—Mrs. E. E. Baden and Mrs. George Bennack are spending the weekend in San Antonio.

Christmas Bride



In a simple home wedding Christmas Day, Elizabeth Jane Withers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Withers, Stuart Place, will become the bride of Joseph Arnold Kutzenberger, son of Mrs. Clara Kutzenberger, also of Stuart Place. (Holbrook Studio.)

Rio Hondo Girl Bride



Mrs. P. J. McMurty, a recent bride, was the former Miss Lela Taubert. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Taubert of Rio Hondo. Miss Taubert met Mr. McMurty on his return from Hawaii where he was stationed with the navy. They motored to Yuma, accompanied by her parents, where they were married.

Brazil Rites Of Interest In Valley

BROWNSVILLE—Word has been received here from Sao Paulo, Brazil of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Lalu Coachman, to James A. Russell, Jr., formerly of Brownsville.

The wedding will be solemnized January 3 at the home of the bride in Sao Paulo.

The bridegroom-elect, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Russell, Sr., of this city, has a host of friends, here and in other parts of the Valley, to whom the announcement will be of particular interest. He has been making him home in Brazil for the past several years, and is connected with the Anderson Clayton company.

FROM HOUSTON

ALAMO—Mrs. T. J. Martin of Houston is a guest at the home of her daughter Mrs. Tut Caddel and Mr. Caddel and son.

Back To Austin

BROWNSVILLE — Miss Doris Buchanan of Austin and New York City departed Saturday for Austin after spending ten days here in McAllen. Here she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bremer.

Red Cross Workers Are Sought

McALLEN—An appeal for workers to assist with the Hidalgo County Red Cross war production project was sounded this week by county officials in charge of the project.

Weekly on Wednesday, the Singer Sewing Machine Company has permitted the use of its sewing room for Red Cross workers. The room will be opened at 9 a. m. and may be used for the duration of the day until further notice.

Mrs. T. W. Mahone of McAllen and Mrs. Vernon Hill of Mission are in charge of the county project. Both have been active in Red Cross activities here for several years.

Free instruction in knitting will be provided all who volunteer for the work, Mrs. Mahone said. Mrs. R. L. White and Mrs. A. D. Hubbard are serving as volunteer instructors. Yarn will be provided free-of-charge with workers required to purchase only their needles. Mrs. Olney Dean and Mrs. Blanche Doster are in charge of yarn distribution.

The county has a large quota of knitted goods, girls and women's dresses and other items to be completed by January, Mrs. Mahone said.

Program Is Given For First Ward P.-T.A. Thursday

BROWNSVILLE — Plans for the Christmas party were discussed, and a program was given for members of the first ward Parent-Teacher Association Thursday afternoon.

The program follows: play, by Miss Josephine Castenada's second grade; health play, Miss Lucille Skinner's fourth grade; songs by the fourth grade girls; piano selections by Slaine Wood. The Rev. Maurice Groves, new pastor of the Central Christian church gave an interesting talk on Christmas, and Mrs. Joe Stead gave several lovely guitar selections.

The book for the largest percentage of mothers attending went to Miss Josephine Castaneda's room.

The next meeting will be January 7.

Program On Sacred Music To Be Given For Treble Clef

BROWNSVILLE — A fitting program on sacred music will be the feature of the Treble Clef club Christmas party Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Thurman A. Kinder when Mrs. W. A. Velten will be co-hostess.

Program leader will be Mrs. A. B. Brown. There will be a Christmas tree, with an exchange of gifts among the members.

Child Welfare Aided By Legion Auxiliary

HARLINGEN — Gifts to various projects were authorized at the meeting this week of the American Legion Auxiliary held at the home of Mrs. W. J. Colver, 410 Rio Hondo Road. Co-hostesses were Mesdames Vines, Lytle, King, Helsop, Gaines, and Gregory.

The group voted to give the sum of five dollars to the Christmas basket organization; $17.50 to the 40 and 8 child welfare project; and to purchase a $10 tuberculosis seal sale bond.

A delightful Christmas environment was created for the meeting with a tree as the center of interest. Each person received a gift.

Beverly Colver gave a Christmas reading and Mrs. Ethel Eagleston played two accordion solos.

Coffee and cake were served to 37 members and one guest.

At the next meeting, January 13, initiation of all 1941 members will be carried out.

Joy Marcille Strein Weds Jack Carey Jones In Impressive Rites

BROWNSVILLE — A simple and impressive home ceremony united in marriage Miss Joy Marcille Strein, daughter of Mrs. Crystal Butz Strein, and Jack Carey Jones of Guatemala City, son of Mrs. Margaret Carey Jones of Brownsville and New York.

The rites were read Thursday morning at 7:45 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother with only members of the families and a very few intimate friends in attendance. The Rev. J. Leonoard Rea, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiated at the ceremony.

The couple pledged vows in front of the mantelpiece which was banked with huge yellow chrysanthemums and small dubonnet chrysanthemums, flanked by yellow tapers in brass candelabra. The yellow chrysanthemums were banked on the piano too. In the reception hall were used salmon and pale yellow gladioli.

Mrs. Nora Lane was at the piano for the traditional wedding marches playing the "Bridal Chorus" from Wagner's "Lohenbrin" for a processional, and Mendelssohn's Wedding March for the recessional.

The bride entered with her grandfather, Joe Butz, who gave her in marriage. She wore a chic and becoming frock of Indian Penny crepe, with long, fitted sleeves and with a simulated, deep yoke accented with cut bronze beads. Her hat was an off-the-face brown felt, and other accessories were in brown. Her flowers, worn in corsage were white carnations and lilies of the Valley.

The bride's only attendant was her sister, Miss Lorene Strein, who wore burgundy crepe, trimmed with silk braid, and made with a girdle of soldier blue. Her accessories were black and her corsage was fashioned of ranunculi.

H. A. Dozier attended the groom.

The bride's mother wore a frock of black crepe, and a corsage of talisman roses. The groom's mother wore black also with chubby of black fur, and a corsage of cream colored gladioli.

Immediately following the ceremony, there was a reception. The table, laid in cream lace was centered with an arrangement of pink roses and white stock. At one end of the table was the wedding cake, surrounded with sweetheart roses, and flanked by tall white tapers. The cake was fashioned in the shape of two wedding bells, with a bridal design and the names of both bride and groom embossed on each. At the top of the two bells, standing under an arch of white entwined in sweet heart roses and fern were a miniature bridal pair.

After the bride had cut the first slice, Mrs. Van Dorn Wedegartner of San Benito served the cake. She wore a black crepe frock with corsage of violets and pink roses. Mrs. Stella Lewis, wearing a light blue frock under a coat of navy with a corsage of salmon colored gladioli, presided at the silver coffee service at the opposite end of the table.

Immediately afterwards, Mr. and Mrs. Jones departed by plane for Guatemala City where they will make their home.

The wedding claims much interest here, as the bride has resided here most of her life, and has been a favorite in younger social circles. She attended Brownsville schools, was graduated from the Brownsville high school and the junior college, and also attended the University of Texas. Mr. Jones, formerly of New York City, received his education in that city and at Michigan State college where he was a member of Phi Kappa Delta. He is senior pilot for Aerionas de Guatemala.

Jardin Club Sets Party Next Week

BROWNSVILLE — Plans for a Christmas party next Wednesday were made by members of El Jardin Heights Social club when Mrs. Alexander Loos was hostess Thursday afternoon at her home.

The party will be held Wednesday at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Charles Pinkley. All members are urged to attend as another quilt will be tied at this time.

At the meeting this week, in keeping with Bible week members answered roll call with Bible quotations and with current events.

The hostess served refreshments to Mesdames Louis Rank, Charles Pinkley, George Wahl, Wilbur Dickenson, Louis Demieville, C. E. Barnholdt, W. B. Mather, members, and Mrs. J. M. Davis of Shawnee, Oklahoma, a guest.

Five states—Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Mexico and North Carolina—retain absolute capital punishment.

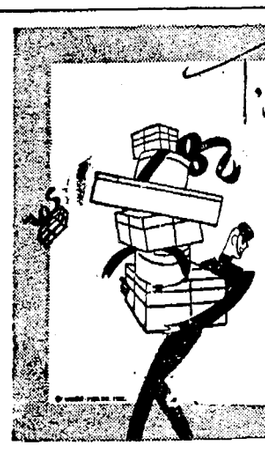
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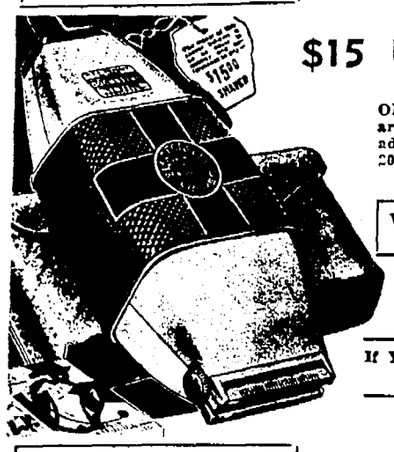
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League Dance At McAllen Draws Crowd

McALLEN—One hundred and sixty couples danced at the semi-annual Charity Ball, staged by the Junior Service League of McAllen Saturday at Club Royal.

The event was a "sell-out" early Friday and notably one of the most successful dances ever staged by the young matrons and misses civic group.

Proceeds will go to charity.

Annually at Christmas season the league's dance is staged. Annually large crowds attend.

The night club was prettied with Christmas decorations, featuring an all-white theme with ropes of white Spanish moss stringing from the center of the room to the corners. A large fireplace effect, centered with a huge Christmas wreath, formed a background for the orchestra. Mac Rogers Band, on a return engagement for a league dance, played during the dancing hours from nine until two o'clock.

A swirl of smart dance frocks was in evidence at the event. Dancers came from over the entire Upper Valley.

Yule Setting Is Effective

MISSION — Mrs. C. S. Albrecht added a pleasant hospitality to the series of parties with a holiday theme when she entertained the Wednesday Afternoon Bridge Club this week. Floral arrangements of turk's cap and poinsettia blossoms accented the approach of the Christmas holiday. Games appointments gave further emphasis to the motif.

Mrs. Pat Levnes and Mrs. Wilburn Smith were out of club guests Members included Miss Mary Vaiden Wood, Mesdames Norton Boyd, C. E. Langston, Frank Yeller, W. F. Oakes, Dan Friesen, David Wood, Jr., Leon Scott, and Glen Buckner. Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Langston won high and second high honors, respectively, for the afternoon's games.

Mrs. Albrecht served a dainty refreshment course after the games.

Donna Choral Group To Sing

DONNA—The Donna Choral Society under the direction of Daniel Muller, will present a concert Sunday at 8 p. m. at the First Baptist Church here.

In keeping with the holiday theme a Christmas cantata, "Prince of Peace" will be sung. The soloists will be Mrs. Moss Sargeant, soprano; Miss Daisy Ellen Polk, Pharr, soprano; Miss Esther Combs, Alamo, soprano; Miss Betty Burkhart, Alamo, mezzo-soprano; Mrs. Clara Wymer, Donna, contralto; Mrs. O. R. Scott, Weslaco, tenor; M. Sommers, Donna, tenor; Wayne Muir, Alamo, tenor.

There will be no services in any of the other churches this evening so that all may attend. Everyone is invited. There will be no charge and no collection.

Mrs. Carl Drennan Hostess At Bridge

ALAMO — Mrs. Carl Drennan was hostess to the members of the Wednesday bridge club this week. The floral decorations were gladiolas in pastel shades. She served a dessert course to the following:

Mrs. Albert Jensen, Mrs. Dales Knapp, Mrs. Darnell de Roulac, Mrs. Ira S. Sharp, Mrs. Tut Caddel, Mrs. C. B. Vincent and Mrs. Frank Persons.

Mrs. de Roulac held high score, Mrs. Caddel second high, and Mrs. Knapp, low.

Mrs. Harry Douthit Breakfast Hostess

RAYMONDVILLE — Mrs. Harry Douthit charmingly entertained members of her club on Thursday morning at a delightful breakfast amid the fragrance and beauty of traditional Christmas spicy firs and berries.

Present were Mesdames Roger Robinson, Fredrick Humphrey, Earl Gilliland, John Farnbrough, J. C. Brandt, L. C. Brenner, Murray Floyd and M. C. Yoder.

Mrs. Brenner was presented with the high award.

Club Entertained By Mrs. Howard

RAYMONDVILLE — Members of the Wednesday Club met in the home of Mrs. C. N. Howard for bridge this week.

Members and guests enjoying the hospitality were Mesdames John Farbrough, J. G. Caudle, B. S. Wright, C. D. Ritter, Don Hightower, Lud Snow, I. B. Loe, Harvey Geis, Gene Smith, Murray Floyd and E. H. Jamison.

Mrs. Hightower was rewarded for high score.

San Perlita Club Plans For Party

SAN PERLIT—The San Perlita Home Demonstration Club held its meeting on Thursday in the school home economics room.

Fifteen members answered to roll call.

Mrs. George Young gave the council report. Plans were made for the Christmas party Dec. 18.

Mrs. C. C. Knight directed the recreation and Mrs. Carl Deming, as hostess, served seasonal refreshments.

Mrs. Edgar Kieschnick



Before her marriage in the Grace Lutheran Church in Sinton Tuesday evening, Mrs. Edgar Kieschnick was Miss Esther Ray Adams. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Adams of West Sinton. Mr. Kieschnick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kieschnick of Harlingen. The couple will reside in Houston. (Photo Courtesy Corpus Christi Caller-Times.)

Simple Church Service Solemnized For Couple; Well-Known In Harlingen

HARLINGEN — In St. Anthony's Catholic church Thursday morning at eight o'clock, the marriage of Miss Betty Yates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Yates, and Finis Easterling, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Easterling of Clanton, Ala., was solemnized with Father A. Antoine, O. M. I. performing the impressive rites. Extreme simplicity marked the service which was attended only by immediate families of the couple.

Floor baskets of peach gladiolas were placed toward the altar, the only decoration of the church.

Miss Yates were an autumn frock of brown crepe combined with crepe in a gold shade. Her accessories brown and her bouquet was an unusual crescent-like arrangement of Betty Nuthall gladiolas with rich green and gold taffeta ribbons giving the effect of leaves.

Her only attendant, Miss Ruth Yates, was attired in a wool costume of dusty rose trimmed in wine velvet. She wore a corsage of gladiolas tinted blue.

Attending Mr. Easterling as best man was Herman Bookout.

A wedding breakfast was held after the ceremony at the Reese-Wil-Mond Hotel with only the wedding party and families of the couple participating.

After a week's honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Easterling will return to Harlingen to reside. Both are graduates of the local high school. The bride has been an employe of the Harlingen office of the Central Power and Light Company for three years and Mr. Easterling is manager of the Texaco Station.

Mexico City Guests Arrive Thursday For Christmastide

BROWNSVILLE — Arriving Thursday to spend the holidays here with relatives will be Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Goodrich, and their young son, B. G., and E. K. Goodrich, all of Mexico City. E. K. Goodrich will join his wife and young son and daughter, who have been visiting here for the past week. Mrs. B. N. Goodrich will remain after the holidays, going in January to St. Louis as the delegate of the Mexico City Junior League to a convention of the Junior League.

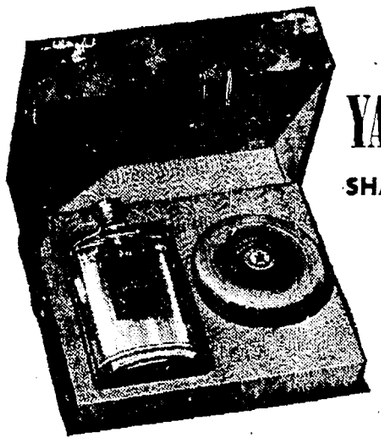
Auxiliary Meets

BROWNSVILLE—The two groups of the Woman's auxiliary of the Church of the Advent (Episcopal) will meet at 2 p. m. Monday at the home of Mrs. Hubert R. Hudson and at the rectory.

Pelikans Away

BROWNSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pelikan are spending ten days in San Antonio.

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Open House In Combes Is Enjoyable

COMBES — James Dishman P.-T. A. held open house at the school Thursday night, and a delightful Christmas party was enjoyed by parents and teachers. Mrs. Z. Matherne, president, opened the meeting and introduced Mrs. H. M. Brazil, program chairman, who presented a short program. Mrs. A. C. Bell of Primera spoke on "Leisure in the Home." W. W. Ballard, of Harlingen, spoke on "Leisure in the School." Mrs. Prentice Edmiston led the carol singing with Miss Mary Ladd at the piano.

Games were enjoyed and Old-Santa came in with his pack and distributed gifts to the group.

At the close of the program and games delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Z. Matherne, Mrs. Amos Daniels, Mrs. Floyd Nixon and Mrs. Ralph Turner.

The Christmas program and party for the school children will be held at the school Friday, December 20, program to begin at 1:45 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Mrs. W. T. Staton, Sr., Mrs. Jeff Gilbert, Mrs. O. R. Rose and Mrs. W. T. Staton, Jr., attended a shower honoring Mrs. Herschel Trousdale of Rangerville, Mrs. B. Q. Roler was co-hostess with Mrs. Bauldin.

The committee for the Christmas program at the Baptist church has stated the progrim will be given Sunday night, December 22.

Rev. and Mrs. Cal McGahey attended the All Day Baptist Workers' meeting in La Blanca Friday.

Hope Unit, OES To Hold Party At Chapter Close

BROWNSVILLE—At the close of the regular chapter meeting, Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Masonic Temple, members of the Hope chapter 124, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold the annual party.

Members are reminded to bring gifts of food or money for the Christmas baskets for several worthy families.

Mission Tot Honored On Second Birthday

MISSION—Ann Ellen Armstrong's second birthday celebration was a party given in her honor by her mother, Mrs. Jack Armstrong and attended by ten little playmates.

Games were planned for the play hour which was climaxed by the presentation of Christmas toy favors to the guests before the birthday cake was cut and served with ice cream.

Mrs. Armstrong was assisted by Mrs. Ransom Walker, Mrs. A. F. Volz, and Mrs. Clyde Tolen. The small guests were Helen Marie and Bobbie Walker, Clyde Donald and Danna Tolen, Tommy and Mary Louise Robertson, Claudie and Arah Phillips, Marlene Volz and Darlene McHenry.

To Sing In Oratorio



Miss Barbara Ruth Green, second year student at the University of Texas, will be one of the vocalists in the University of Texas Singers who will present the oratorio "Elijah" by Mendelssohn Sunday afternoon in Austin. The singers will be accompanied by the University Symphony orchestra and are directed by Archie N. Jones. Miss Green has been named as one of the honorees for the Texas A. & M. dance during the Christmas holidays.

Luncheon Is Compliment To Mrs. Sheldon Smith

MISSION—Mrs. Sheldon Smith was complimented with a dinner party Thursday evening as a farewell gesture extended by members of the Court St. Rose of Lima, Catholic Daughters of America, at the Cactus Tea Room. Mrs. Smith, who was the first grand regent of the court when it was organized in 1923, will leave next week to make her home in Jackson, Tenn.

A lovely strand of sterling silver rosary beads was presented Mrs. Smith from Mrs. A. J. Shary, presint regent of the chapter. A corsage of gold and purple gladiolias, colors of the Catholic Daughters of America, marked Mrs. Smith's place at the dinner table.

Covers were placed for Misses Mary Catherine Fine, Nellie Keating, Verna Klapperich, Lenore Koller, and Clara Nosbich, all of Mission; Mesdames Harry Berset, and E. E. Garza, McAllen; George Allen, Pharr; Charles Volz, J. E. Walsh, Gus Rome, Lein Bourgeois, Raymond Klapperich, Anna Gerlach, Ollen Rome, J. F. Tanner, Shary and Smith, all of Mission.

Trio To Be Hostesses To Self-Culture At Yule Party

BROWNSVILLE — Annual Yule party of the Self-Culture club has been set for Wednesday afternoon at Quintz la Paz, the home of Mrs. Volney W. Taylor, when co-hostesses will be Mrs. R. Roy Ruff and Mrs. E. T. Yates.

There will be an exchange of gifts among the members and Christmas carols will be sung.

Some New York department stores now sell automobiles.

From Wisconsin

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. E. K. Goodrich has as her guest her niece, Miss Louise Newman of Madison, Wisconsin. Miss Newman will remain for the holiday season.

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Calendar

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SUNDAY

5 p.m. Alpha Theta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi has ritual of jewels at the home of Miss Louise White.

MONDAY

7:45 p.m. Harlingen Business and Professional Women's Club will have their annual Christmas banquet at the Reese-Wil-Mond Hotel.

2:30 p.m. St. Alban's Episcopal Guild meets at the rectory, 702 E. Van Buren.

9:30 a.m. Flower Lovers Garden Club meets at the home of Mrs. Nina Mohr, 301 E. Monroe.

3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Chapter T, P.E.O. will entertain with a tea at the home of Mrs. R. W. Frush, 202 W. Buchanan.

5 p.m. Harlingen Assembly of Order of Rainbow meets at the Masonic Hall for exemplification of degrees and Christmas party.

TUESDAY

7:30 p.m. The Young People's Class of the Methodist Church will have a "kid" party at the church.

3 p.m. Baptist W.M.S. meets at the church.

3 p.m. Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service has final business meeting of the year at the church.

8 p.m. Christmas party for Junior Fine Arts Club at the home of Mrs. Glenn Miller.

4 p.m. Fine Arts Club presents Clare Tree Major players in "Alice in Wonderland" at Municipal Auditorium.

WEDNESDAY

1 p.m. The Hobby Group meets at the home of Mrs. N. B. Lackland, 706 E. Van Buren, for a Christmas party.

3 to 5 p.m. Alathean Class of the Methodist Church meets at the home of Mrs. D. B. Dunkin, 1802 South First street, Finwood Heights.

1 p.m. Lieut. Thomas Barlow Chapter N.S., D.A.R., meets at the Woman's Building in Donna.

2:30 p.m. Blue Bonnet Club of Stuart Place meets at the home of Mrs. Filbert Engelbrecht.

THURSDAY

3:15 p.m. Harlingen Child Study Club meets at the home of Mrs. A. H. Goldammer.

FRIDAY

6:30 to 9 p.m. Party for children of St. Anthony's Church at K. C. Hall.

8 p.m. Music Lovers Club sponsors an hour of Christmas music open to the public at the First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Young Goes

BROWNSVILLE — Mrs. R. L. Young departed Friday morning for her home in Houston after spending ten days here with her daughter, Mrs. George McGonigle, Jr., and Mr. McGonigle.

Shawnee Guests

BROWNSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Davis have arrived to spend the winter months with Mr. Davis' aunt, Mrs. Louis Demieville. The visitors are from Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Hawthorne Book Review Club Topic

BROWNSVILLE — Mrs. Howard L. Cummins was in charge of the program at the Friday morning meeting of the Literature and Arts Review club at the home of Mrs. F. W. Hofmokel.

Mrs. Cummins gave a sketch of the life of Nathaniel Hawthorne, bringing out how representative Hawthorne's work is of his time. She sketched the events of the book, which is familiar to most, retelling the story.

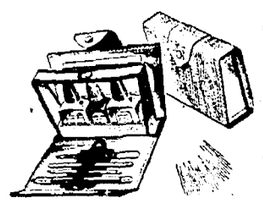
The members in a business session decidedto buy magazine subscriptions for the Y. M. C. A. with the funds in the treasury.

Attending were Mesdames C. S. Eidman, Rufus Ransome, Joe K. Wells, Joe Vivier, Edward McChesney, G. D. Sutton, Howard L. Cummins, R. A. Porter, Penrose W. Hirst, Joseph C. Jordan, and Winship Hodge.

The next meeting will be held January 10 when Mrs. Jordan will be hostess and Mrs. Joe Vivier, Jr., will be in charge of the program.

COMBES—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wilson have moved into the Irving Bradford home.

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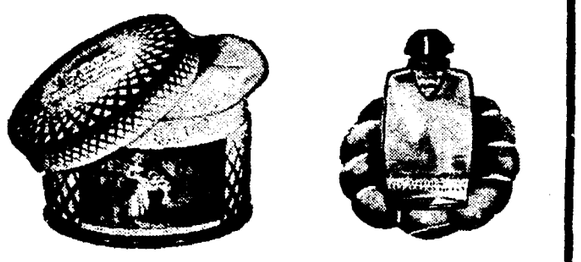
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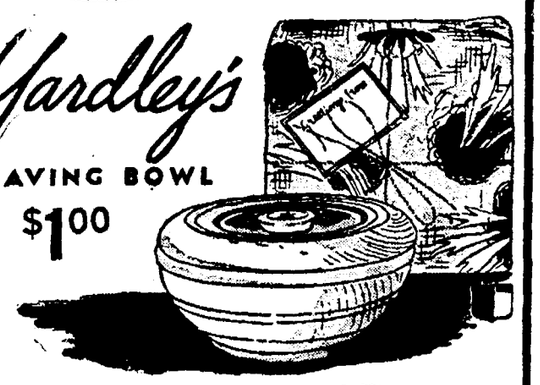
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SECOND SHIP FOR NE-GULF RUNS DEC. 23

Mallory Service To Resume Wednesday

BROWNSVILLE—Definite booking of the SS Medina for loading at Port Brownsville December 23 was announced Saturday by Gilbert Philen, agent for the Clyde Mallory Lines.

The Medina, second ship to load at Brownsville in resumption of regular Mallory service, will take cargo for New York and Boston.

The Mallory service will be reinaugurated next Wednesday with the SS Ozark. After the sailing of the Medina on December 23, service wil continue on a weekly schedule. The H. R. Mallory will dock here on December 30

Another scheduled arrival during the month is the tanker SS Torres, owned by the Richfield Petroleum Corporation. The tanker December 29, will take on a full cargo (about 55,000 barrels) of crude oil and will sail for Mobile.

New President

Paint Company Heads Are Advanced

HARLINGEN—Arthur W. Steudel has been elected president of the Sherman-Williams Company, succeeding George A. Martin, who becomes chairman of the board, according to information here from Cleveland, O.

Steudel has been vice president and general manager and now becomes the fourth president in the 74 years since the company was founded. He was born in Cleveland in 1892 and entered the employ of the Sherwin-Williams Company in 1908 as office boy.

Martin, dean of the paint industry, was born in Montello, Wisc., and went to work in the Chicago stockyards at the age of 12. In 1887 he started to make paint specialties for railway locomotives and found himself in competition with Sherwin-Williams Company. In 1891 he joined the company as manager of the Calumet Paint Company division at Chicago. In 1916 he had become vice president, and in 1922 president.

Christmas Music Is Slated For Sunday In Local Services

HARLINGEN—Christmas music will be featured at the First Presbyterian church Sunday with James Johnson of Edcouch as the guest soloist. He will sing "The Angel's Song," by Stickler.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Challes will play for the services, using "Legend," by Tschaikowsky, for the prelude in the morning and "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," by Thomas Este, for the evening. The morning offertory will be "A Christmas Pastorale," by H. A. Matthews, and the evening offertory "Sleep, Holy Babe," by J. B. Dykes. The morning postlude will be "Adeste Fidelis," arranged by R. J. Pitcher, and "Comes Now God's Beloved Son," by J. S. Bach, in the evening. The choir, under leadership of William C. Black, will song, "Come and Worship," by Heyser.

Rev. G. W. Crofoot will preach on "The Bethels of Life" at the morning service and "Three Men in a Man" at the evening service at 6:45 p. m.

Kiwanis In Willacy Slate Special Meet

RAYMONDVILLE — The Raymondville Kiwanis club is announcing a special meeting of Kiwanians on Tuesday, December 17, for the benefit of out-of-town Kiwanians who wish to make up attendance.

Place of meeting may be ascertained at the chamber of commerce on Tuesday.

CCC Worker Goes Up North For Winter Training

BROWNSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vertrees of Brownsville, has arrived in Cumberland, Pa., with 368 CCC workers from Northern Arizona.

The workers will remain in training at Cumberland until mid-January, when they will return to Arizona.

Fidelis Class Meets

HARLINGEN—The Fidelis Class of the First Bantist church will meet Monday at 3 p. m. with Mrs. T. R. Lovelace, 302 East Taylor, with Mrs. Forest Peak and Mrs W. A. Cowart assisting.

Miss Phipps To Come

HARLINGEN — Miss Mary Jo Phipps, attending Sophia Newcomb College at New Orleans, will arrive here December 21 to spend the Christmas holidays, information Saturday said.

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Zita Still Dreams Of Hapsburg Restoration As She Royally 'Holds Court' In New England Village

By FRANCIS E. CAREY
AP Feature Service

ROYALSTON, Mass.—Changing guard before the house that shelters Zita, last empress of the old Austro-Hungarian empire, is simple.

A sturdy Massachusetts state trooper drives up, says "How's it, Frank?" to another trooper, who asks how the football game came out, and drives away.

It has been so since mid-July when Zita, one-time mistress of 50,000,000 subjects, came to this peaceful New England village as a refugee.

The two blue-uniformed troopers are the only tangible symbols of the life of guarded royalty that was Zita's—crowned empress at 24, banished at 27, mother of eight children, widowed at 30.

Today, at 48, somberly dressed, she "holds court" in a square, wooden white house of the better type.

Two courtiers of the old days are with her—a countess and a count—besides seven of her eight children. To all of them, the brown-eyed, greying lady still is "Majesty." Through one of them, she makes the rare comments that can be published.

Out Of Range Now

As, for instance, when she said in her gentle voice:

"It is peaceful here. These hills and mountains remind me of the Austrian landscape. It is wonderful to hear the airplanes no longer, to light the rooms at night without prohibition, to walk in the field with nothing to fear."

To walk in the field. . . .

She does that often. Behind the home of Calvin Bullock, New York broker, where Zita is living, stretches a golf course and meadows where only the singing of bobolinks breaks the stillness.

"It is like the Wienerwald, the forests near Vienna," says Count Degenfeld, her gentleman-in-waiting.

But to Zita, the trim, farmed fields that skirt the meadows could mean something deeper.

It was in a wheat field in Hungary that she and her late husband, disguised as Russians, made



Ex-Empress Zita Of Austria
A brown-eyed, greying lady who still is "Majesty"

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a forced landing during an adventure more daring than one from a Graustarkian novel.

Exiles in Switzerland in 1921, they had heard from loyal monarchists still in Hungary that the time was ripe for a restoration. They got a plane, flew over Austria, and after the forced landing pushed on for a rendezvous with loyal Hungarians who had a troop train ready for a coup d'etat.

Venture Abandoned

But Czechs and Yugoslavs mobilized against them and bullets pinged against the locomotive in which stood the Emperor Karl and Zita. Eventually, after a battle, Karl gave up his attempted coup to prevent further bloodshed.

Before that battle, Catholic Zita and the emperor knelt on the cinders of a railroad track to hear Mass in the open air.

Today, she attends services at Immaculate Conception church in nearby Athol. She and her family occupy a front pew, and at Communion time file to the altar rail. It is on such days, when Archduke Otto, 28, the pretender to the Hapsburg throne, and Archduke Felix, 24, come up from New York, that the family is jolliest.

The girls, Archduchess Adelaide, 26, and Charlotte, 19, and Elizabeth, 17, play the piano. The younger Archdukes Charles Louis, 22, and Rudolph, 21, take their brothers on for some golf. Later, there may be dinner with mother in the pleasant dining room that looks out on Royalston's neat little elm-shaded common, white-steepled church and country store. Only Archduke Robert is absent, working in the admiralty in London.

Reunion was not always so simple.

After their attempted coup in '21, Zita and Karl were banished to Madeira while the children remained in Switzerland. When Robert, then 6, was stricken with appendicitis, Zita had to obtain permission to go to his bedside. Later, when she was allowed to bring the children to Madeira, the joy of reunion was dimmed by Karl's fatal illness. Zita had to do her own cooking, scrub floors, pinch pennies for food.

The sequel to that story must come to Zita's mind as she watches the young Archduchess Elizabeth stride gaily off in white and red-trimmed sports frock for an afternoon of tennis or boating. Elizabeth never saw her father. He died at Madeira in April, 1922, and Elizabeth was born just a month later in Spain. The family stayed in Spain until 1929 when they went to Belgium to live for ten years in a castle since destroyed by gunfire. From it they fled before the advancing Germans to America.

Hopes To Return

All the children speak German, French, Spanish, Italian, Hungarian, Czech and Croatian—schooled at Zita's orders in the many tongues of the old empire, to which Zita never has despaired of returning.

Once in 1935, she neared her objective when the Austrian government returned to the Hapsburgs most of their confiscated property. But Hitler, who now rules Austria, charges Zita with treason for having opposed anschluss with the Reich.

In a way, it is ironic that Zita, a refugee, sought haven in Royalston, because the town was named for Isaac Royal, a Tory who fled to England during the American Revolution.

Half Dozen Valley Oil Fields Booming As Eight New Producers Completed Saturday; Others To Begin Test

Only One Major Wildcat Drilling In Valley Section; Colorado Field Jim Hogg Pacing All Others

McALLEN — While the annual year-end slump was taking its toll of wildcatting in deep South Texas, a half-dozen proved fields boomed along without a lost moment, resulting in completion of eight new producers Saturday and several others ready for testing in the immediate future.

Only one major wildcat was drilling in the entire Lower Rio Grande Valley area, Pure Oil Co. No. 4 Gatewood Newberry, Share 3, Shelton Award Survey, in southeastern Cameron county. The well was drilling hard shale past 8,100 feet with no shows reported thus far. It is headed for 10,000 feet.

Neuhaus and Luckie's No. 1 D. O. Gallagher, Block 283, Pippin Subd., Share 2, Randado Grant, in western Jim Hogg county, was rigging up and will spud as soon as water and gas lines can be laid. The well is the first on a 2,000-acre block and will go to 3,700 feet.

As usual, the Colorado field in western Jim Hogg county paced all other proved areas in completions.

Sun Oil Co. No. 13 N. S. Thaxton, Survey 630, in the northeast part of the field, made 103 barrels daily on 3-16 inch tubing choke with 150 pounds tubing working pressure and 750 pounds closed-in casing pressure from sand at 2,933-43 feet.

Sun's No. 15 N. S. Thaxton, Survey 630, was drilling at 1,862 feet.

In the northern part of the field C. Andrade III No. D-4 F. G. Trevino, Survey 37, gauged 198 barrels per day on quarter-inch tubing choke from sand at 2,938-46 feet. Tubing working pressure of 300 pounds and closed-in casing pressure of 800 pounds were recorded.

On inside location near the center of the field, V. F. Neuhaus' No. C-3 F. G. Trevino, Survey 38, gauged 202 barrels in 24 hours on quarter-inch tubing choke with tubing working pressure of 320 pounds and closed-in casing pressure of 670 pounds from sand cored at 2,990-3,002 feet.

Humble Oil and Refining Co. No. 24 King Ranch-Colorado, Survey 42, in the northeast part of the field, made 128 barrels daily on 3-16 inch tubing choke with 325 pounds tubing working pressure and 700 pounds closed-in casing pressure from sand at 3,024-32 feet.

In the Sun field in northeastern Starr, Sun Oil Co. No. A-7 E. A. and N. R. Montalvo, Tract 3, Los Retaches Grant, in the northwestern part of the field, cemented 10 3-4 inch o.d. casing at 1,020 feet.

In the Kelsey field in Jim Hogg-Brooks-Starr counties, Humble Oil and Refining Co. No. 22 Kelsey-Bass, in the southwest part of San Rafael Grant, Jim Hogg county, was waiting on cement after coring the field sand at 4,747-56 feet, where the hole was bottomed in sand. Casing was cemented at 4,748 feet for the production test.

In the Rincon and North Rincon areas in eastern Starr, two new producers were completed, another recovered oil on drill stem test and a new northern edge well was started. Two new tests were under way on inside locations.

The new producers were: Continental Oil Co. No. A-18 Slick Estate, Survey 485, in the southwest part of the field, which made 190 barrels daily on 3.16 inch tubing choke with tubing working pressure of 550 pounds and closed-in casing pressure of 1,200 pounds through casing perforations at 4,080-91 feet. The hole was bottomed around 4,200 feet and 7-inch o.d. casing was set at 4,091 feet.

Continental's No. B-39 Slick Estate, Survey 266, where a major part of present production in the field is centered, gauged 125 barrels in 24 hours on 3-16 inch tubing choke through casing perforations after the hole had been bottomed and casing cemented at 4,240 feet. The well produced with 300 pounds tubing working pressure and 650 pounds closed-in casing pressure.

Continental staked locations and began skidding rigs onto the No. B-40 Slick Estate and the No. B-41 Slick Estate, both in Survey 266.

In the extreme eastern part of the field, known as the Yzaguirre sector, Complete Oil Well Service Co. No. 2 Manuel Yzaguirre, Survey 227, continued coring past 4,940 feet after completing a successful drill stem test. From sand at 4,880-91 feet, operators recovered 30 feet of mud, with some oil and gas and 700 pounds pressure in 17 minutes. The test is one location west of the Yzaguirre sector discovery, one and a half miles east of all other production in the field.

About four miles north of Rincon, in what is known as the North Rincon field and on the extreme northern fringe of the huge Rincon structure, Sun Oil Co. moved in and spudded another important semi-wildcat, the No. 1 Geo. H. Coates, in Survey 516. Operators have set and cemented 10 3-4 inch o.d. casing around 1,000 feet.

The Boyle field in southern Starr has one new producer and another running production test.

Borsodi Petroleum Co. No. 4 Juan de Dios Vela, Share 2-A, Por. 92, Camargo Jurisdiction, now an inside well, cored the field sand at 3,175-84 feet, bottomed the hole at 3,191 feet where 5 1-2 inch o.d. casing was cemented, then gun-perforated with 10 shots at 3,176-79 feet for the test. The well began cleaning under its own pressure.

Sun Oil No. 1 Juan de Dios Vela, Share 2-A, Por. 92, Camargo Jurisdiction, southernmost test in the field, was turned into the tanks as an oiler in the 3,100-foot sand. Through new casing perforations at 3,184-92 feet (40 shots) the well gauged 30 barrels daily on 7-32 inch tubing choke with 450 pounds tubing working pressure and 560 pounds closed in casing pressure.

Fidelity Oil and Gas No. D-5, E. B. Carruth et al, Share 1-A, Por. 92, Camargo Jurisdiction, just south of the discovery well, was bottomed around 3,250 feet. Drill stem test of sand reported cored around 3,185 feet showed considerable gas but no oil in 1 minutes.

Northwest of present production in the field, Dean and Hendrickson's No. 1 M. M. Garcia, Share 215, Por. 90, Camargo Jurisdiction, was reported drilling around 2,000 feet.

About 1,000 feet south and a little east of the discovery well in Willacy county's first commercial oil field, the Willamar area, Pan-American Production Co. No. 1-B Willamar community was drilling past 550 feet.

Camels once were used by the United States Army for transport purposes in Arizona.

AUSTIN LEADS IN BUILDING

Houston Noses Out Alice For Third

By The Associated Press

Building permits for petroleum and chemical engineering structures at the University of Texas boomed Austin into this week's Texas building lead with a total of $411,010 in permits issued.

Alice, with $161,878 pushed mighty Houston for third place. Dallas slipped into second.

Building permits for the week and for thus far during the year from various representative Texas cities include:

City	Week	Year
Austin	$411,010	$ 7,205,568
Dallas	191,827	10,107,328
Houston	163,820	21,646,130
Alice	161,878	651,248
Fort Worth	55,056	4,729,091
Corpus Christi	36,275	7,974,650
Amarillo	29,775	2,461,352
Beaumont	24,939	1,514,853
Port Arthur	16,880	1,105,544
Wichita Falls	10,175	1,303,481
Midland	7,300	792,255
Waco	6,400	2,499,947
Galveston	3,825	2,036,355
Corsicana	2,590	170,056

Lawyer Returns

R. C. Roland Spending Winter In Valley

BROWNSVILLE—R. C. Roland, Houston, who practiced law in Brownsville until early in 1937, is in Brownsville with Mrs. Roland, guests of their daughter, Mrs. E. O. Johnson.

They will spend the winter here.

Mr. Roland is recovering from a recent illness. He discontinued practice of law three years ago to enter the Baptist ministry, and has been assistant pastor of the Woodsdale Baptist church in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland held a double celebration November 26, their 47th wedding anniversary as well as Mr. Roland's birthday.

Brownsville Boy Enters Army At Camp Brownwood

BROWNSVILLE—Manuel Trevino Alonso, 21, former Brownsville high school boy student, has enlisted in the United States army, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Carmen Alonso Trevino.

The youth enlisted at Dallas where he has been for the last four months. He will go into camp at Brownwood on December 17.

GUEST FOR FIESTA

WESLACO—Mrs. J. A. Rosesteele of Hollywood, California, arrived for the Birthday Party and will be the guest of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brunton, through January.

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Guests of honor at the annual Brownsville Chamber of Commerce banquet Thursday night are shown above, left to right, front: Major General Robert C. Richardson, commander First Cavalry division, U. S. A., Fort Bliss, El Paso; Col. A. E. Wilbourn, commanding officer, Fort Brown; left rear, Captain Clark Ruffner, and right, Captain J. F. Haskell, aides-de-camp to General Richardson, who came to Brownsville for a general inspection of Fort Brown.

Witness' Account Of Rhein's Sinking Told By United States Naval Officer

KEY WEST, Fla.—(AP)—A United States naval officer's eyewitness account of the sinking of the German ship Rhein shed new light Saturday on the fate of the tanker intercepted by Dutch and British warships in the American neutrality zone.

Shells fired broadside from the British cruiser Caradoc, the officer said, sent the Rhein to the bottom after flames started by her German crew had raged for 15 hours.

The British admiralty previously reported the crew of the Dutch training ship Van Kingsbergen had put out the fire and taken the tanker as a prize of war.

The U. S. officer, who asked that his name not be used, was aboard the destroyer Maclwish, flagship of the Key West neutrality fleet.

He reported the American ship arrived on the scene in time for those on board to see the Dutch warship close behind the Rhein.

"Suddenly flames shot from forward and stern and the German ship was a blazing inferno," he continued. "Life boats were lowered and the crew abandoned ship."

The Dutch crew boarded the Rhein, he said, "but they did not remain on board long as they realized that it was impossible to extinguish the fire."

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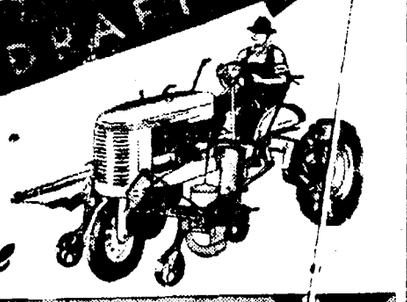
PHARR — Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fondren and children, Betty and Mary Sue, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, are spending the winter in the Valley. They arrived in Pharr early Wednesday.

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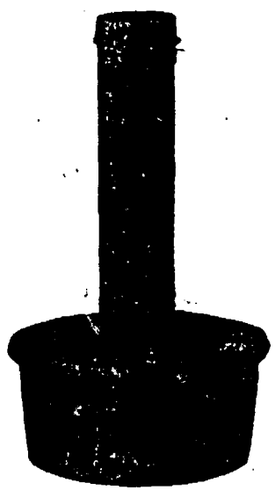
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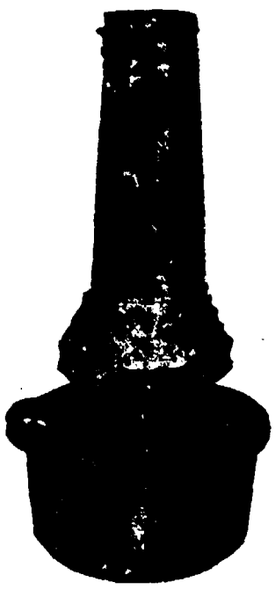
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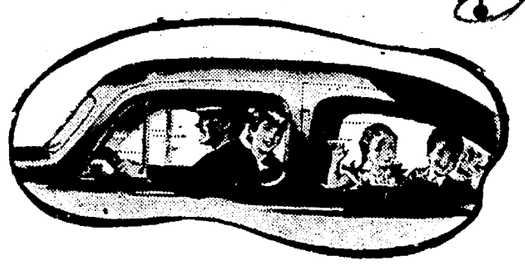
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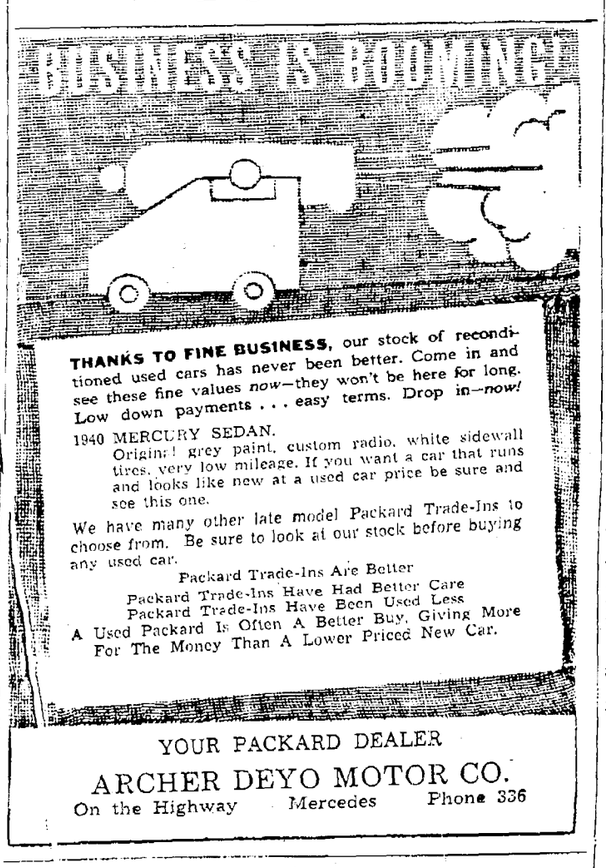
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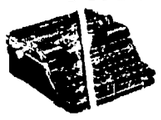
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F. H. A. and Commercial Loans
R. N. Jones
217 Embee Bldg. Phone 414
Harlingen

F. H. A. Farm Loans
Valley-Wide
To Build,
Refinance
And Repair.
GUNN INSURANCE AGENCY
1312 Beaumont Avenue
McAllen

Of animals seen in dreams, good luck is attributed by some interpreters to ducks, cows, butterflies, horses and dogs. Cats denote bad luck and rats, serpents, and toads indicate enemies at work.

10. FOR SALE **10. FOR SALE**
10a. Household Goods **10a. Household Goods**

STOP LOOK BUY NOW
Clearance Sale
These Refrigerators Must Be Sold
SERVEL ELECTROLUX
1940 Models and Repossessed
4 4-Cu. Ft. ELECTROLUX . . . $100.00 up
6 5-Cu. Ft. ELECTROLUX . . . $125.00 up
3 Kerosene Electrolux Refrigerators $115 up
ELECTRIC REFRIGERATORS
1 5-Cu. Ft. STEWART-WARNER .....?
3 6-Cu. Ft. FRIGIDAIRE .....?
2 6-Cu. Ft. WESTINGHOUSE .....?
MAKE US AN OFFER. NO REASONABLE ONE REFUSED
Several Gas & Electric Ranges .... $5.00 up
FERGUSON MOTOR CO.
HARLINGEN
602 WEST JACKSON PHONE 1375

BARGAINS
Two Spinet Acrosonic Pianos
Late Model 120 Base Accordion
One Electric Washer
One Six-Foot Frigidaire
One Air Compressor
250-Pound Capacity
TERMS IF NEEDED
COOPER PIANO COMPANY
Box 1106, McAllen, Texas

9. FINANCIAL

9b. Auto Loans

AUTOMOBILE LOANS
Refinancing
General Insurance
M. Bailey
Bennett Tire & Supply
Weslaco

$5 to $300
ON YOUR AUTO
First and Second LEIN
1 to 18 Months to Pay
Refinancing—Longer Terms
Smaller Payments
Magnolia Finance Co.
122 W. Van Buren Phone 1068
Harlingen



BLOCKER, WHITE & DABNEY
AUTO LOANS
GENERAL INSURANCE
Phone 1320 Harlingen
Over First National Bank



J. L. HEAD
Finance Company
Since 1928
Madison Hotel Bldg. Phone 433
Harlingen

9c. Personal Loans

We Have
$10,000 AVAILABLE
for CHRISTMAS LOANS
We specialize in quick loans to employed men and women, married or single.
We don't care whom you owe or what you want the money for, the loan can be arranged in just a few minutes. Call at our office or just phone 82.
Border Finance Co.
612-613 Rio Grande Bldg.
Harlingen
Rooms C and D Nelson Bldg.
Phone 1062
McAllen

10. FOR SALE

10a. Household Goods

FOR SALE: Complete furnishings for five rooms. Must be sold at once. 204 West St. Charles, Brownsville.

KITCHEN sink, gas grate heater, cabinet, windows, French and sliding doors, screens. 40 West Levee, phone 124, Brownsville.

Big Furniture Auction
Saturday, December 21, at 1 o'clock. Pavilion full of new and used furniture and household goods, some repossessed and storage goods.
Parkers Sales Yard
Harlingen

10b. Musical Goods

REGRADUATED violin in first class condition. Value $60. Will accept any reasonable offer. Border Finance Co., 209½ Main street, McAllen, phone 1062.

10c. For Sale, Misc.

CHRISTMAS turkeys, corn, milk, mash fat. Order today. I. B. Corns, phone 6017-F-3, Harlingen.

FOR SALE: Pair ladys brown riding boots. Pair ladys western boots, stitched in colors. Both medium size, almost new. Mrs. Dickson, Weslaco 912-F-2.

CHRISTMAS CARDS
Beautiful Cameo assortment
$1.00
See Our Line
BISHOP'S PRINT SHOP
1128 Elizabeth Brownsville

10e. Radio Repairs, Equip.

RADIO service: Free inspection, satisfaction guaranteed. Phil Amsler, 2123 17th street, Victoria Heights, phone 178, Brownsville.

10h. Machinery, Equipment

We Have
New and Used
TRACTOR PARTS
For All Makes and Models
At Big Savings
LEHMAN'S
Across from Sears Phone 1160

We Have
The Best In
Used Tractors
and
Equipment
John Deere Model A
John Deere Model B
and
Any Priced
Farmall You Want
Valley Implement Co.
John Deere Dealer
Phone 475 415 No. Commerce
Harlingen

10. FOR SALE

10i. Seeds, Plants, Flowers

PLANT our early bearing budded pecan and fruit trees now. Catalog free. Rest Pecan Company, Louisiana, Mississippi.

HARLINGEN Flower Shop has poinsettias, cyclamen, gladiolus, chrysanthemums, etc. All kinds of plants. Phone 1042 Harlingen.

SEED: Cable, Oat, S. S. Mixed seed potatoes. We handle Early Rose. Brownsville.

TOMATO SEED
TRY
FERRY MORSE
SEED
Distributed By
FRANK GRIMSELL
SEED CO.
Harlingen-San Benito

CERTIFIED
Tomato Seed
Stokesdale & Rutgers
F. G. Jackson
FEED STORE
219 No. Commerce Harlingen

11. LIVESTOCK

11a. Dogs, Cats, Pets

THOROUGHBRED English Pit Bull puppies. Ear and tails clipped. Inquire Hadleys Texaco Station, La Feria.

FOR SALE: Pointer bird dog, 17 months old, come see him work any afternoon. Ray Edwards, Santa Rosa.

REGISTERED Scotty puppies. An ideal Christmas present. Small deposit will hold your choice. See at 211 West Samano, Edinburg, Tex.

DOBERMAN Pinscher puppies, thoroughbred. Stanley Walker, 4½ miles north on 10th street. Da[illegible] and McAllen.

FOR SALE [illegible]

FOR RENT [illegible]

WE [illegible]

11b. Poultry Supplies

FOR SALE [illegible]

11c. Auctions

LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Every Thursday 10:30. Livestock at this sale is selling very satisfactorily to buyers and sellers. Good demand for butcher hogs and cattle, milk cows are on the upgrade and all classes steady. Consignors get your offering in early Thursday—the buyers will be here.

PARKER'S SALES YARD
Harlingen

AUCTION
HOME & DAIRY
TOMORROW
Monday, Dec. 16th
Starting promptly at 10 a.m.
HARLINGEN
One mile North and 2 miles West
5-Room House
5 Acres including all Buildings
Complete Dairy and Equipment
100 Cattle
S. A. Ingram, Owner
Parker Auction Co.
Mgrs. & Auctioneers

12. WANTED TO BUY

12a. Miscellaneous

WANTED: Used office desk, cash register, small steel lathe. Must be bargain for cash. Postoffice box 1106, Brownsville.

WE BUY CORN
TRY
GRIMSELL
POULTRY FEEDS
DAIRY RATION
Mfg By
FRANK GRIMSELL
SEED CO.

13. LOST & FOUND

LOST—Thursday or Friday during Weslaco's Birthday Celebration. Ladies Coin Purse. Liberal reward. Box 591, Mercedes.

14. RENTALS

14a. Apartments

FURNISHED AND UNFURNISHED apartments, houses. Desirable bedrooms. Listings appreciated Mrs. J. L. Swann, phone 1169-W Harlingen.

FOR RENTAL PROPERTY see Mrs. Ethel Parker 109 W. Van Buren, phone 1128, Harlingen.

3 ROOM FURNISHED apartments Electric Refrigeration, linens and utilities furnished Rio Grande Courts, Harlingen

THREE-ROOM furnished duplex, water paid, $18.00 month. 717 E. Madison, Harlingen.

APARTMENT for rent. Hot and cold water, innerspring mattress, bills paid. $4.50 weekly. 302 E. Harrison, Harlingen.

MAY-DAY efficiency apartments, attractively furnished, modern conveniences. New Frigidaire. Utilities paid. Desirable location. Phone 773, Brownsville.

AVAILABLE December 18: Furnished apartment. Frigidaire. 1349 West Elizabeth, telephone 197, Brownsville.

FIVE ROOM furnished apartment, with garage. All conveniences. 32 Southeast Adams, phone 854, Brownsville.

TWO-ROOM apartment, furnished downstairs. Reasonable. Close in. 412 Southeast Levee, phone 878, Brownsville.

NICELY furnished apartments, modernistically priced, close in. Utilities paid. Net Rev. phone 442 Claude Wood phone 1312 Brownsville.

APARTMENT unfurnished, five rooms and bathroom. Southeast Elizabeth. Block from Postoffice. $18.00. Call or see O. Watson, Brownsville.

UNIQUE apartment for two adults. Three southeast rooms, attractively furnished. Utilities paid. Phone 1615-J, Brownsville.

VERY desirable, well furnished, modern, cool, five-room apartment. Screened porch. Utilities paid. Call 964, Brownsville.

14 [illegible]

SEVEN-ROOM cottage, modern; electric stove, hot water heater, refrigerator. Fruit for family use. Garage. Permanent. Three miles out 14th street. Also modern, five-room furnished apartment. A. C. Capron, El Jardin Hotel, Brownsville.

14b. Rooms

NICE front upstairs bedroom to desirable lady. Mrs. James C. Wilson, 117 W. Pierce, phone 356 or 266, Harlingen.

14c. Houses

FOR RENT: 6-room furnished house at 722 East Pierce. Inquire at 310 South 5th, Harlingen.

UNFURNISHED 5-room house, near San Benito city limits on Harlingen highway. $16.00. Phone 114, or inquire 844 North Sam Houston, San Benito.

FIVE-ROOM unfurnished duplex, 108 North 10th street. Apply Cleveland Home Appliances, 113 North A, Harlingen.

FOR RENT [illegible]

APARTMENT [illegible]

UNIQUE [illegible]

VERY [illegible]

14 [illegible]

SEVEN-ROOM [illegible]

14d. Room and Board

ROOM AND BOARD: Bachelors' Den, good family style meals. Modern rooms, phone 1314-W, Harlingen. 513 North First.

15. REAL ESTATE

15a. Houses for Sale

1110 E. MADISON, six-room modern home. Attractive. Large yard, beautiful shrubbery, easy terms. Phone 1121 or 1097-W, Harlingen.

EXTRA SPECIAL: New 5-room, corner lot. Government loan, cheaper than rent. Phone owner, 760, Harlingen.

FOR SALE: Income property, three occupied units, $70 month income. Price $2500. Well located, $500. Will handle. See Mr. W. C. Etchison, Pharr.

FOR SALE: Have client leaving town, 3 bedroom brick house, year old. Well located. Nice yard. Trees and flowers. Furnished or unfurnished. MRS. FRIZZELL, Room 7, Nassar Bldg., McAllen, phone 424.

SACRIFICE

Attractive home adjoining Mission. Beautifully landscaped. Two acres choice fruit. Owner, phone 62, Mission.

BRICK HOUSE FOR SALE
Just completed, small brick home on 5 acres of desirable land. Water, gas & electricity. Well located. Price, $2,200.
Also 800 acres ranch land, priced to sell.
LLOYD PARKER
Olmito, Texas

For Sale
F. H. A. Houses
Brick Veneer & Frame
Finwood Heights Addition
Apply
SPENCER-SAUER
LUMBER COMPANY
418 W. Jackson Phone 71
Harlingen

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Efficient Property Management, Groves, Farms, City Property, Loans, Insurance, Rentals.
6½ S. Main St., 2nd Floor
PHONE 860 McALLEN

THOMAS
Mercedes Hotel
Mercedes, Texas
Offers
43 acres with well improved home near Groveton, Trinity county, East Texas, trade.
Fully equipped picture show in small East Texas town to trade.
Small cafe on main highway in good Valley town. Cheap.
Tourist camps, fine orchards, nice city homes. See me for anything in real estate.
One of best oil and gas stations. Cheap.

16. REAL ESTATE

16a. Houses for Sale

FOR SALE or rent, furnished house, three bedrooms. Close in. Write P. O. Box 353, San Juan, Texas.

Money Talks

And How!

When it comes to purchasing a nice home or a beautiful homesite as a Christmas gift.

See us now and learn how we can help you do this.

S. C. GRAHAM & CO.
REALTORS
Phone 179 Mallee Arcade Bldg
Brownsville

The Tumble Weed

Flourish over night and withers the following day. Then the winds blow. Poor weed, she then takes the name of Tumble. So over the plains she tumbles—tumbles along. How many of us sprang up in youth, but like the tumble weed, we do not build a solid foundation, so the winds of life blow us hither and thither. Buy a house and in that house build a home that will stand the strongest gales.

Large good-as-new 6-room brick on corner lot. Paved street and driveway. Only $4250.00.

We have sold every house we have advertised except 418 West Buchanan, and folks, you are passing up a real bargain in a large 5-room brick, good-as-new. For only $3500.00. Watch this slip this coming week.

A beautiful brand new 5-room FHA home on large lot. Tile drain board tile with beautiful oak floors and tile bath. Garage with cedar closet. Price $4250.00. Terms can be arranged. Will consider trade for Brownsville property. Close in. A real bargain.

Nice 4-room & 4-room house.

Income Duplex. Good income. Near school. Good location. Only $4000.00 on terms.

Just call 130

Willingham Realty
Harlingen

16c. Farms, Ranches

RANCH acreage, with water, Cameron county, for sale. Bargain. Terms. Write Owner, Box 186, Port Isabel.

WE OFFER 55-acre, 30-acre, 25-acre groves, mostly pink fruit; quality soil; on highway; with utilities; at sound investment prices. Low liquidating values. We list farms, ranches, apartments, hotels, courts, business exchange for Valley. Want good truck or tractor for Oklahoma oil land. Many other properties. See De Vaux, Donna, Tex.

17. NOTICES

17a. Announcements

WILSON Help-Ye-Self Laundry. 1 mile Combes highway. Shirts 10c. Plenty of hot, soft water.

17d. Professional Notices

DR. E. C. HERRON
D.C., Ph. D.,
—Chiropractor—
902 Beech Ave.
1 Blk. North of R. R.
4 Blks. E. of Main — McAllen

17e. Travel Opportunities

DRIVING to Dallas December 20. Can take 2 passengers. 918 E. Polk, Harlingen, phone 1511.

WANTED: 2 share expense passengers to Indianapolis, leaving 21st, returning about 1st. Inquire Hadleys Texaco Station, La Feria.

GOING to Waco 20th, returning 26th. Take 2 passengers. Call Roy Bright, 214, Harlingen, before 5th.

LEAVING for Oklahoma by way of Austin and Dallas 20th, returning 28th. Take 4 passengers. Mal Wynne, Box 774, Donna.

DRIVING to Fort Worth-Dallas December 22. Can take two passengers. Phone 6023-W-3, Brownsville.

WANTED: Passengers to Oklahoma and return for Holidays. Clowers, Palm Drive, West of Pharr, half mile.

WANTED: 2 passengers to Oklahoma for holidays. Address Clowers, Palm Drive, Pharr. Phone 1127, Harlingen.

McALLEN REYNOSA BUS LINE

McALLEN to REYNOSA	
8:30 A.M.	2:00 P.M.
10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
12:00 A.M.	6:00 P.M.
	8:00 P.M.
Saturday and Sunday	11:00 P.M
REYNOSA to McALLEN	
7:50 A.M.	1:00 P.M.
9:00 A.M.	3:00 P.M.
11:00 A.M.	5.00 P.M.
	7:00 P.M.
Saturday and Sunday	11:30 P.M

17f. Cafe and Hotels

$3.00 PER WEEK
OPEN
GUEST LAUNDRY FREE
MILNER HOTEL
13th & Levee Phone 481
Brownsville

METALS

NEW YORK—(AP)—Copper steady; electrolytic spot, Conn. Valley, 12.00; export, PAA NY, 10.25-11.50. Tin steady; spot and nearby 50.00; forward 50.10. Lead steady; spot, New York 5.50-55. East St. Louis 5.35. Zinc steady; East St. Louis spot and forward 7.35.

DAY'S NEWS OF NATION'S MARKETS

STOCK LIST

By The Associated Press

Trade in 160	High	Low	Close
Al Chem&Dye 1	144	144	144
Am Can 8	97¼	97¼	97¼
Am Mar'tiv 1	13¾	13¾	13¾
Am Roll Mill 1	14¼	14¼	14¼
Am Smelt&R 3	45¾	45	45¼
Am T&T 3	168	167½	168
Anaconda 9a	27½	27½	27½
A T & S F 1a	17¾	17½	17½
Aviation Corp 9	4¼	4¼	4¼
Barnsdall Oil 3	8¼	8¼	8¼
Bendix Aviat 4	33¾	33¾	33¾
Beth Steel 14	68¾	67½	68½
Borden 13	19	18¾	18¾
Budd Wheel 2	7¼	7	7
Callahan Z-Lead 2	1¼	1¼	1¼
Case 5	58¾	58¼	58¾
Chrysler 17	77¾	76¾	76¾
Colum G&El 10	4¾	4½	4½
Consol Oil 27	5⅞	5¾	5⅞
Cont Can 10	37½	37	37
Cont Oil Del 13	19¾	19¾	19¾
Corn Prod 28	42¾	41¾	42¾
Curtiss Wright 24	9¼	8¾	9
El Power&Lt 4	4¼	4	4¼
Freeport Sulph 3	37½	37	37½
Gen Elec 51	34	33¾	33¾
Gen Foods 12	38	35	38
Gen Mot 30	50	50¼	50½
Goodrich 5	13¾	13¾	13¾
Goodyear 8	18¾	18¾	18¾
Gt Nor Ir Or Ct 5	16	15¾	15¾
Greyhound 16	11¼	11	11
Houston Oil 1	4½	4½	4½
Hudson Mot 1	4¼	4¼	4¼
Hupp 1	½	½	½
Int Harvester 7	55½	54¾	54¾
Int Hydro El A 3	1¾	1¾	1¾
Johns Manville 2	61½	61½	61½
Kennecott Cop 16	35¾	35¼	35¾
Loews 27	34¼	33¾	33¾
Lorillard 13	18¾	18¾	18½
Marshall Field 6	16¾	16¾	16¾
Mid Cont Pet 8	14¾	14¾	14¾
M K T 1	¾	¾	¾
Montg Ward 14	37½	37¼	37¼
Nash Kelvin 18	4¾	4¾	4¾
Nat Biscuit 19	17½	17	17½
Nat Dairy Pr 4	13¼	13¼	13¼
Nat Pow&Lt 5	7	6¾	6¾
North Am Co 31	17	16¾	16¾
Ohio Oil 19	7	6¾	6¾
Pac Gas&El 4	23½	22¾	23¼
Packard 22	3¼	3¼	3¼
Pan Am Airways 3	15¾	15¾	15¾
Penn RR 24	23¼	22¾	22¾
Pat Corp 21	4¾	4	4
Phelps Dodge 13	34½	34	34½
Phillips Pet 14	41¾	41	41½
Pure Oil 11	4¾	4¾	4¾
R C A 18	4¾	4¾	4¾
Seaboard Oil 4	13	13	13
Sears Roebuck 7	78	77¾	77¾
Shell Union Oil 8	11¼	11¼	11
Simmons 2	20¼	20¼	20¼
Socony Vac 47	8¼	8¼	8¼
Soc Pac 20	8¼	8	8
Stand Brands 9	8¼	8¼	8¼
S O Cal 22	18¾	18¾	18¾
S O Ind 9	26¼	26	26
S O NJ 30	33¾	33¾	33¾
Stone&Webs 8	8	7¾	7¾
Studebaker 5	8¼	8	8
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Tex Pac C&O 7	6	5¾	5¾
Tex Pac L Tr 1	4¾	4¾	4¾
Tide Wat A Oil 4	9¾	9½	9¾
Trans&Wst Air 1	17½	17½	17½
Union Carbide 12	71¾	71¼	71¼
Union Oil Cal 6	12¾	12½	12¾
United Aircraft 6	43¼	43¼	43¾
United Carbon 2	47¾	47¾	47¾
United Corp 18	1¾	1¼	1¼
United Gas Im 27	9¾	9¾	9¾
U S Rubber 9	23¾	23¾	23¾
U S Steel 66	70¼	69¾	69¾
[illegible] Bros 44	3¾	3⅝	3⅝
W U Tel 6	21	21	21
West El&Mfg 5	103¾	103¾	103¾
White Mot 16	16¾	16	16
Woolworth 10	32½	32¼	32½

STOCKS IN SPOTLIGHT

NEW YORK—(AP)—Sales, closing price and net change of the fifteen most active stocks Saturday:

Seaboard Air	27,600	½	— 1-16
U S Steel	6,600	69¾	— 1
NY Chi & St Pf	6,500	31¾	— ¾
Radio-Keith-O	6,400	3¾	— ¼
Comwlth & Sou	5,700	3¾	No
Warner Bros.	5,300	3¾	No
Gen Elec	5,100	33¾	+ ¼
Int Tel & Tel	4,900	2¾	+ ⅛
Socony Vac	4,700	8½	No
Cons Edison	4,200	22¾	+ ⅛
Hayes Mfg	4,100	3¾	+ ⅛
Stand Oil NJ	3,900	33½	— ¼
Jones & Lau Stl Pf	3,500	106	+ 3½
Int Nickel	3,300	24¼	+ ¼
Schenley Dist	3,000	11¾	+ ⅛

NEW YORK BONDS

Foreign

Australia	4½	56	51
French	7½	41	74
Ger Govt	7s	48	14¾
Italy	7s	1951	46¾

Domestic

Alleghany	5s	50	62
Am Ig	5½	49	104½
Am T & T	5½	43	104¼
AT & SF	4s	95	109
B & O Cv	4½s	60	13
Can Pac	4s	perp	51
CB & Q	4½	77	72¾
Chi Gt West	4	27	29½
C M & STP	4s	88	31¾
C & NW	4s	87	16½
Crl & P	4½	52A	6¾
Ill Cen	4¾	66	37
KC South	5	50	70
M K T	5s	52	12¾
NY NH & H	4½	67	20½
Nor Pac	6s	2047	65¼
Penn RR	3¼	52	91¼
St. Louis SF	4½	78	30½
Sou Pac	4½	68	40¼
South Ry	4s	56	59
SW Bell Tel	3½	64	109½
Tex & Pac	5	80D	68
West Union	5s	51	78¾

NEW YORK CURB

Am Cyan B	35½	35¼	35½
Am Gas & El	30⅞	30⅝	30⅝
Ark Nat Gas A	2	2	2
Bath Iron Wks	22¾	22¼	22¼
Bell Aire	21½	20½	21½
Brewst Aero	11¾	11¼	11¾
Cities Service	8½	8½	8½
Crocker-Wh El M	6	5½	6
Eagle Pich	10¼	10¼	10¼
El Bond & Sh	4⅛	4	4¼
Gulf Oil	32	31¼	31¼
Humble Oil	63¾	63½	63¾
Lone Star Gas	9⅞	9⅝	9⅝
Nisa Hud Pow	3½	3½	3½
Todd Shipyds	85	84¾	85
Unit Gas	33⅞	33⅞	33⅞

CASH GRAINS

CHICAGO—(AP)—Cash wheat No. 1 hard 91; No. 1 mixed 91.

Corn No. 4 mixed 58½; No. 2 yellow 61¼-62¼; No. 3, 58¾-61½; No. 4, 56¾-58¼; No. 5 white 60.

Oats sample mixed 32; No. 1 white 40-40¾; No. 3, 38; No. 4, 37; sample 34; No. 1 mixed heavy 39¼; No. 2 red extra heavy 38¾.

19. LEGAL NOTICES

Collection District No. 23, Office of the Collector of Customs, Laredo, Texas, December 15, 1940. Pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 607 T. A. 1930, Notice is hereby given that there were seized in the vicinity of Brownsville, Texas, on November 11, 1940, one 1940 model Plymouth Pick-up Truck, Motor No. PT10512042, Lic. No. 28-633, with 6 parrots and 31 parrakeets, for violation of the Customs laws and Sec. 3062 Revised Statutes. Any person desiring to claim the above described vehicle or birds must appear and file with the undersigned a claim to such property and a bond in the sum of $250 within 20 days from the date of first publication of this notice, in default of which the property will be declared forfeited and disposed of in accordance with the law. The parrots and parrakeet's have been delivered to the U. S. Public Health Service for disposition. Harry P. Hornby, Collector of Customs.

11-15—22-29—12-6—13

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

NEW YORK—(AP)—

Stocks—Irregular, initial losses in majority.

Bonds steady; industrial rails favored.

Foreign Exchange—Mixed; Shanghai dollar slips.

Cotton—Steady; mill buying.

Sugar—Mixed; domestic futures ease; spots firm.

Coffee—Quiet; prices nominally unchanged.

Wool—Tops easy; light trade prevailing.

CHICAGO

Wheat—Steady to easy; bearish Argentine crop estimate.

Corn—Lower; lower spot prices.

Cattle—Steady.

Hogs—Steady; nothing choice on sale.

By FREDERICK GARDNER

NEW YORK—(AP)—The stock market Saturday ended a fairly steady week with a slight limp.

While an assortment of specialties and senior issues exhibited individual strength, many leaders slipped a notch or two and closing prices were irregularly lower.

Traders apparently found little inspiration in the war news but the fairly optimistic business picture, including actual and prospective dividends and pleasing earnings statements, brought in selective bidding. Some speculative contingents, however, inclined to even up accounts in order to be on the safe side in the event of possible happenings over the week-end.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks was off 1 of a point at 44.2 but on the week was up as much. Transfers totalled 300,360 shares.

U. S. Steel lost a point and Youngstown Sheet ¾, while Bethlehem finished with a gain of ¼.

Among losers were Chrysler, U. S. Rubber, Sears Roebuck, Boeing, Anaconda, Westinghouse, Union Carbide, North American, N. Y. Central and Standard Oil of N. J.

Emerging with modest improvement were American Telephone, General Motors, Kennecott, American Can, Loew's, International Telephone, United Aircraft and Texas Corp.

LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO—(AP)—(U.S.D.A.)—Salable hogs 1,000; total 11,000; steady; market on all available supplies; nothing offered of value to command top prices; few small lots 220-240 lbs butchers 6.20; some low grade underweights 5.75; load around 425 lbs packing sows 5.25; quotable top around 6.30 for strictly choice barrows and gilts if available; shippers took none; holdover 800 compared week ago good and choice barrows and gilts 180-270 lbs 10-20 higher; weights under 200 lbs up most; heavies butchers steady to 5 higher; packing sows 5-10 off.

Salable cattle 300; calves 100; estimated Friday last week; strictly fed steers and yearlings steady to 25 lower; bulk medium to good weights and kinds 8.50-9.50; few choice 1000 lb yearlings 9.75; bulk common and medium grades 6.50-8.50; cows steady; bulk canners and cutters 3.50-4.25; bulk medium to good beef cows 5.00-6.00; few choice 6.25; bulls steady; bulk sausage bulls 6.50-7.00; vealers steady; bulk good and choice 9.00-10.00; few to 10.50; cull and common 6.00-8.00; stockers and feeders steady; few choice 7.50-8.25.

Salable sheep 2000; total 2000; compared Friday last week: fat lambs weak to 25 lower, mostly 15-25 off; sheep about steady; feeding lambs steady to strong; top 9.60 on load choice 80 lbs fed western lambs to shippers, bulk good to choice fed westerns and natives 9.00-9.50; few choice 100 lbs down 9.25-9.50, mostly 9.25-9.35 late; heavy lambs averaging 100-111 lbs 8.00-9.25, few down to 7.75 late; summer shorn fed lambs 8.50-8.85, recently shorn 7.90-8.15; yearlings 7.50-8.50; slaughter ewes 2.50-4.50; two loads 71 lbs comeback feeder lambs 9.40 lightly sorted, few medium feeders 8.65-8.85; late Friday fat lambs steady to 25 lower, mostly 15 off; top 9.60 on load choice 80 lbs fed westerns to shippers; bulk good to choice 100 lbs down 9.25-9.35.

TEXAS LIVESTOCK

FORT WORTH—(AP)—(U.S.D.A.)—Cattle salable 400; total 500; calves salable 150; total 500; market: Saturday's trade nominal; compared close last week: mature beef steers 15-25c lower, yearlings 25-50c lower; cows and bulls steady to 15c off; slaughter calves 25-50c higher, and stocker steady to 15c off; slaughter calves 25-50c higher, and stocker steers strong; top beef steers 10.50; few yearlings upward to 12.00; best heifers 10.25; top cows 6.75; bulls up to 6.00; practical top killing calves 9.00; stock steer calves up to 10.25; stock heifer calves 9.00; feeder yearlings 9.75; stock cows 6.50.

Hogs salable 500; total 2,000; around steady with Friday's average; top 6.40; paid by all interests for good and choice 190-200 lbs averages; good 150 lbs weights down to 5.50; several lots of medium grade pigs 4.50 down; packing sows steady, 5.25-5.50; compared with week ago, good butchers 30c higher.

Sheep salable and total 250; Saturday's trade nominal; compared with last week's close: all classes steady; bulk medium to good fat lambs 6.00-8.50; most good wooled yearlings 7.50; top 7.75; shorn and fall shorn yearlings 6.25-6.50; wooled 2-year old wethers 6.50 down; wooled aged wethers 4.50-5.00; shorn aged wethers 3.50-4.00; wooled ewes 3.75 down; feeder lambs 8.00-7.50.

KANSAS CITY LIVESTOCK

KANSAS CITY—(AP)—(U.S.D.A.)—Hogs salable and total 500; not enough to test values; market nominally steady; for week: light butchers mostly 10 higher; spots up more; packing sows strong; late practical top 5.95.

Cattle, salable 100, total 250; calves salable 25, total 50; for week: fed steers and yearlings steady to 25 lower; full decline on short fed; good to choice heifers 25 to 50 lower; other she stock mostly 25 lower; vealers steady to 50 lower; stockers and feeders steady to 25 lower; week's tops: choice to prime 1028 lb yearling steers 14.10; choice heavy steers 13.25; choice heifers 11.95; vealers 10.50; fleshy heavy feeders 10.60; best stock steer calves 10.75; bulk medium to good fed steers 8.25-11.50; bulk stockers and feeders 7.25-10.00.

Sheep none; for week: lambs 25 to 40 lower; sheep and yearlings weak; week's top fed lambs and shipments from Kansas wheat pastures 9.00; numerous shipments late 8.75-9.00; closing sales natives down from 8.60; fed yearlings mostly 7.50-8.00; shorn 6.50-8.50; odd lots slaughter ewes 4.35; most sales 3.50-4.10.

OKLAHOMA LIVESTOCK

OKLAHOMA CITY—(AP)—(U.S.D.A.)—Cattle; salable and total 50; calves 25; for the week: beef steers and yearlings steady to weak; heifers barely steady; other killing classes mostly steady to strong; cows, canners and cutters strong to 25 higher; feeders and calves firm; stockers closed for the week slow and weak; week's prices: top steers 10.00; most medium and good steers and yearlings 8.25-10.25; plain quality and medium grade fed steers 7.25-8.25; common light weight down to 6.25; small lots fed heifers and mixed yearlings 8.25-10.00; most beef cows 5.25-6.50; small lots 7.00-7.25; canners and cutters largely 3.50-5.00; bulls 5.25-6.25; vealer top 10.00; stockers mostly 6.00-9.00.

Hogs salable 100; total 2,300; not enough to make market; odd head butchers steady; shippers paid up to 6.10; for the week: narrows and gilts 25-35 higher; packing sows and gilts 25-35 higher; packing sows little changed; extreme top 6.20; paid by shippers; packer paid 6.00; packing sows 5.25-5.50; stags up to 5.00.

Sheep salable and total 50; for the week fat lambs around 25 lower; closing top 8.40 on carlot westerns; medium 8.25 and down; most good and choice medium 8.00-8.25; clipped lambs quoted around 7.00-7.25; yearlings 6.50-7.00; fat ewes 2.50-3.50.

CHICAGO GRAIN

CHICAGO—(AP)—Buyers were after December wheat in moderate quantities Saturday to even up accounts or acquire deliverable contracts but deferred options weakened due to forecast of a large Argentine crop, bearish international trade statistics and private reports of increased country sales in some areas.

Wheat closed unchanged to ⅞ lower compared with Friday, December 89¼-88, May 84¾-¼, July 80¼-80; corn ¼-⅝ down, December and May 60¼-⅝; oats ¼-⅛ down.

CITRUS MARKET

VALLEY CARLOT SHIPMENTS BY RAIL FOR FRIDAY

Grapefruit 40 Oranges 12 Mixed Citrus 8 Oranges 5 Tangerines 1 Grapefruit 1 Mixed Citrus 1 Tangerines 1, Mixed Vegetables 11, total 130 cars.

Values to Rail and Boat on Date This Season (Grapefruit 3814 Oranges 394 Mixed Citrus 161 Tangerines 1 Lemons 1 Mixed Fruit and Vegetables 6 Beans 1 Beets 44 Beets and Carrots 10 Cabbage 18 Carrots 23, Tomatoes 3 Peppers 1 Melons 3 Greens 6 Peppers 15 Peas 10 Peppers 66, Radishes 20 Squash 2 Spinach 16, Tomatoes 366, Mixed Vegetables 463, total 1083

To the Same Date Last Season: Citrus Fruits 6786, Vegetables 1286, Mixed Fruit and Vegetables 38, total 8102 cars.

VALLEY TRUCK CITRUS MOVEMENT FOR FRIDAY

(169 Trucks)

Grapefruit: 80 lb Boxes 14420, ½ Boxes 106, ¼ Boxes 75, 80 lb Sacks 6787, 50 lb Sacks 158, 40 lb Sacks 61, Bushels 835, ½ Bushels 225.

Oranges: 80 lb Boxes 11889, 50 lb Boxes 10, ½ Boxes 118, ¼ Boxes 78, Bushels 1134, ½ Bushels 217, 80 lb Sacks 448, 50 lb Sacks 2022, 40 lb Sacks 941, 10 lbs 201.

Tangerines: 80 lb Boxes 20, 50 lb Boxes 48, ½ Boxes 199, ¼ Boxes 30, Bushels 773, ½ Bushels 1187, 10 lb Sacks 13.

Carlot Equiv Dec. 13: Grapefruit 54.9, Oranges 37.6, Tangerines 2.5, total 95.0 cars.

To Date This Season: Grapefruit 3156.4, Oranges 1754.8, Tangerines 44.7, total 4955.7.

To Date Last Season: Grapefruit 2034.6, Oranges 1454.8, Tangerines 46.6, total 3537.3.

AVERAGE AUCTION PRICES OF GRAPEFRUIT SOLD AND UNREPORTED FRIDAY

DETROIT: Texas Marsh 354 Boxes Gen Avg 1.95, High 2.03, Low 1.90.

Texas White 108 wire Boxes Gen Avg 1.77, High 1.90, Low 1.75.

Texas Marsh Pink 118 Boxes Gen Avg 2.25, High 2.32, Low 2.08.

Texas Foster Pinks 313 Bboxes Gen Avg 1.67, Range 1.50 to 1.70.

CLEVELAND: Texas Marsh 437 Boxes Gen Avg 1.90, High 1.99, Low 1.65.

Texas Marsh Pink 187 Boxes Gen Avg 2.47, High 2.48, Low 2.46.

Texas Foster Pink 400 Boxes Gen Avg 1.87, Range 1.65 to 2.40.

NEW YORK: Texas Marsh 175 Boxes Gen Avg 1.31, High 1.35, Low 1.30.

Texas Pinks 1270 Boxes Gen Avg 1.85, High 2.04, Low 1.59.

Fla Marsh 3115 Boxes Gen Avg 1.70, High 2.07, Low 1.62.

Fla Marsh 255 wire Boxes Gen Avg 1.45, High 1.60, Low 1.40.

Fla Other 3110 Boxes Gen Avg 1.83, High 2.17, Low 1.61.

Fla Marsh Pink 260 Boxes Gen Avg 2.07, High 2.27, Low 1.87.

AVERAGE AUCTION PRICES OF TEXAS ORANGES SOLD AND UNREPORTED FRIDAY

ST LOUIS: Texas Oranges 945 Boxes Gen Avg 1.86, High 1.90, Low 1.81.

FLORIDA TRUCK CLOSING MOVEMENT REPORTED FOR FRIDAY

Carlot Equiv Dec. 13: Grapefruit 20 Oranges 107 Tangerines 23, total 150 cars.

To Date This Season: Grapefruit 1033 Oranges 3666 Tangerines 350, total 5051 cars.

To Date Last Season: Grapefruit 1684 Oranges 3917, Tangerines 356, total 5957 cars.

CARLOT SHIPMENTS FROM OTHER TEXAS DISTRICTS FOR FRIDAY

Laredo Dist: Mixed Vegetables 2, total 2 cars.

Coastal Bend: Mixed Vegetables 2, total 2 cars.

Spinach Shipments by Districts: Eagle Pass 8, Winter Garden 4, Coastal Bend 5, total exas 17 cars.

F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION REPORTED FOR FRIDAY

Crystal City, Eagle Pass and Nearby South Texas Points:

Spinach: Haulings light. Demand fair, market slightly stronger. Carloads f.o.b. cash track: bushel baskets, Savoy type, few sales, 40-45c.

Belle Glade, Florida—Lake Okeechobee Section:

Snap Beans: Haulings light. Demand slow, market weaker. Carloads f.o.b. cash track and truckloads cash at packing houses: bushel hampers, Bountiful, too few sales to quote: Stringless Black Valentines $1.00-1.25; Tendergreens 80-90c; fair quality 75c; Limas $2.35-2.50.

Green Peas: Haulings very light. Demand light, market about steady. Carloads f.o.b. cash track and truckloads cash at packing houses: bushel hampers $1.85-2.00.

COTTON

COTTON FUTURES

NEW YORK—(AP)—Cotton futures closed 1 to 2 points lower.

	High	Low	Last
January	.....	.....	10.06N
March	10.22	10.17	10.17
May	10.15	10.10	10.11
July	9.98	9.91	9.91
October	9.38	9.38	9.38N
December	.....	.....	9.34N

Middling spot 10.37N; off 3.

N—Nominal.

SPOT COTTON

GALVESTON—(AP)—Spot cotton closed steady, 2 down.

Low ordinary 6.13; ordinary 6.83; good ordinary 7.53; strict good ordinary 8.13; low middling 8.73; strict low middling 9.33; middling 9.93; strict middling 10.13; good middling 10.28; strict good middling 10.36; middling fair 10.48.

Sales, spots none; FOB 50.

TEXAS COTTON

DALLAS—(AP)—Cotton 9.52; Houston 9.73; Galveston 9.83.

COTTONSEED OIL

NEW YORK—(AP)—Bleachable cottonseed oil futures closed 5 higher to 3 lower. Sales 53 contracts. Dec. 5.85; Jan. 5.75B; March 5.82B; May 5.92; July 5.97B.

B—Bid.

MIDDLING COTTON

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—The average price of middling 15-16ths inch cotton Saturday at ten designated southern spot markets was 2 points lower at 9.84 cents a pound; average for the past thirty market days 9.76 cents; middling 7/8ths inch average 9.62

Screen Calendar NEWS OF LATEST MOTION PICTURES Current Films



The First Lady of the Screen, Bette Davis, is seen with Herbert Marshall in Somerset Maugham's "The Letter" which is showing Sunday and Monday at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen, the Rita Theatre in Weslaco and the Palace Theatre in McAllen. Featured parts are played by James Stephenson and Gale Sondergaard.

VALLEY SCREEN CALENDAR

CAPITOL THEATRE, BROWNSVILLE

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Judy Garland, George Murphy and Charles Winninger in "Little Nellie Kelly" with Douglas McPhail and Rita Page.
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: George Brent and Brenda Marshall in "South Of Suez" with George Tobias and Lee Patrick.
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Groucho, Chico and Harpo Marx in "Marx Brothers Go West" with John Carroll and Diana Lewis.

QUEEN THEATRE, BROWNSVILLE

SUNDAY ONLY: Johnny Downs and Ruth Terry in "Sing, Dance, Plenty Hot."
MONDAY, TUESDAY: Bette Davis and Charles Boyer in "All This And Heaven Too" with Jeffrey Lynn and Virginia Weidler.
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Akim Tamiroff and Gladys George in "The Way Of All Flesh" with William Henry.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Johnny Mack Brown as "Ragtime Cowboy Joe" with Fuzzy Knight, Nell O'Day and the Texas Rangers.

RIVOLI THEATRE, SAN BENITO

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Norma Shearer and Robert Taylor in Ethel Vance's "Escape" with Nazimova, Phillip Dorn and Bonita Granville.
TUESDAY ONLY: Robert Paige and Grace MacDonald in "Dancing On A Dime."
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Dick Powell and Ellen Drew in "Christmas In July" with Raymond Walburn and William Demarest.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Nancy Kelly, Allan Jones, Peggy Moran and Robert Cummings in Jerome Kern's "One Night In The Tropics" with Leo Carillo.

ARCADIA THEATRE, HARLINGEN

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Bette Davis in Somerset Maugham's "The Letter" with Herbert Marshall, James Stephenson and Gale Sondergaard.
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: Lionel Barrymore, Lew Ayres and Laraine Day in "Dr. Kildare's Crisis" with Robert Young and Nat Pendleton.
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Judy Garland, George Murphy and Charles Winninger in "Little Nellie Kelly" with Douglas McPhail and Rita Page.

RIALTO THEATRE, HARLINGEN

SUNDAY ONLY: Anita Louise, June McCloy and Roger Pryor in "Glamour For Sale" with Frances Robinson.
MONDAY, TUESDAY: John Hubbard and Wendy Barrie in "Who Killed Aunt Maggie?" with Joyce Compton, Edgar Kennedy and Elizabeth Patterson.
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Wayne Morris and Virginia Dale in "The Quarterback" with William Frawley, Alan Mowbray and Lillian Cornell.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY: The Three Mesquiteers in "Under Texas Skies" with Bob Livingston, Rufe Davis, Bob Steele and Lois Ranson.

STRAND THEATRE, HARLINGEN

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Myrna Loy and Melvyn Douglas in "Third Finger, Left Hand."
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: Cary Grant and Martha Scott in "The Howards Of Virginia" with Richard Carlson.
THURSDAY, FRIDAY: The Ritz Brothers and the Andrews Sisters in "Argentine Nights" with Constance Moore and George Reeves.
SATURDAY ONLY: 'Aventurero Del Mar' (Spanish Language Film).

STATE THEATRE, MERCEDES

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Alice Faye, Jack Oakie, Betty Grable and John Payne in "Tin Pan Alley" with Allen Jenkins.
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: John Wayne and Thomas Mitchell in John Ford's production of Eugene O'Neill's "The Long Voyage Home" with Ian Hunter.
THURSDAY ONLY: Frank Morgan and Virginia Grey in "Hullabaloo" with Billie Burke, Donald Meek and Ann Morriss.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Tyrone Power and Linda Darnell in "The Mark Of Zorro" with Basil Rathbone and J. Edward Romberg.

REX THEATRE, MERCEDES

SUNDAY ONLY: Cesar Romero and Chris-Pin Martin in "The Gay Caballero."
MONDAY, TUESDAY: Martha Raye and Charlie Ruggles in "The Farmer's Daughter."
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Jeffrey Lynn and Brenda Marshall in "Money and The Woman."
FRIDAY, SATURDAY: William Boyd as Hopalong Cassidy in "Three Men From Texas."

RITZ THEATRE, WESLACO

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Bette Davis in Somerset Maugham's "The Letter" with Herbert Marshall and James Stephenson.
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: Marlene Dietrich and John Wayne in "Seven Sinners" with Broderick Crawford, Mischa Auer and Billie Gilbert.
THURSDAY, FRIDAY: John Wayne and Thomas Mitchell in John Ford's production of Eugene O'Neill's "The Long Voyage Home" with Ian Hunter.
SATURDAY ONLY: Frank Morgan and Virginia Grey in "Hullabaloo" with Donald Meek.

GEM THEATRE, WESLACO

SUNDAY ONLY: Cesar Romero as the "Cisco Kid in "The Gay Caballero."
MONDAY, TUESDAY: Jeffrey Lynn and Brenda Marshall in "Money and The Woman."
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Richard Dix and Chester Morris in "The Marines Fly High" with Lucille Ball.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Charles Starrett in "The Thundering Frontier."

PALACE THEATRE, McALLEN

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Bette Davis in Somerset Maugham's "The Letter" with Herbert Marshall, James Stephenson and Gale Sondergaard.
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: Lucille Ball and Richard Carlson in George Abbott's "Too Many Girls" with Frances Langford and Hal LeRoy.
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Marlene Dietrich and John Wayne in "Seven Sinners" with Mischa Auer, Billy Gilbert and Broderick Crawford.

QUEEN THEATRE, McALLEN

SUNDAY ONLY: Henry Wilcoxon and Carol Landis in "Mystery Sea Raider."
MONDAY, TUESDAY: Warner Baxter and Andrea Leeds in "Earthbound."
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Charles Laughton, Clark Gable and Franchot Tone in "Mutiny On The Bounty" with Eddie Quillan and Mamo Clark.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Roy Rogers and Jacqueline Wells in "Young Bill Hickok" with George "Gabby" Hayes.

Comedy At Rivoli

Dick Powell and Ellen Drew are co-starred in the comedy film "Christmas in July" which is scheduled for showing Wednesday and Thursday at the Rivoli Theatre in San Benito.

"Christmas in July" is another uproarious comedy from the production unit of Preston Sturges who amazed the entertainment world with "The Great McGinty." Featured parts are played by Raymond Walburn, Ernest Truex, Lucille Ward and William Demarest.

New Kildare Film To Be Screened

With Robert Young as guest star with Lew Ayres, Lionel Barrymore and Laraine Day, "Dr. Kildare's Crisis" brings a dramatic new addition to the popular medical-mystery series and is showing Tuesday and Wednesday at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen.

Mystery At Rialto

John Hubbard, Wendy Barrie and Edgar Kennedy are starred in the leading roles of the thrill-paced mystery story "Who Killed Aunt Maggie?" which is scheduled for showing Monday and Tuesday at the Rialto Theatre in Harlingen. Featured parts are played by Onslow Stevens, Joyce Compton, Walter Abel, Mona Barrie and Willie Best.



Robert Taylor and Norma Shearer share co-starring honors in the screen adaptation of Ethel Vance's best-seller "Escape" which is currently showing Sunday and Monday at the Rivoli Theatre in San Benito. The supporting cast is headed by Bonita Granville, Philip Dorn and Nazimova.

Current Films

JUDY GARLAND is seen in her first solo starring picture, "Little Nellie Kelly," showing Sunday and Monday at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville and at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Stepping temporarily out of 'kid' roles, Miss Garland becomes a grown-up and adds new glory to her acting and singing fame. Teamed with her for histrionic honors are George Murphy and Charles Winninger, with an excellent supporting cast.

The story, based on George M. Cohan's famous play, deals with a young Irish girl who marries against the wishes of her father, who vows that he will never, so long as he lives, speak to her husband. He keeps his word in spite of the fact that he, along with the other two, comes to America to live. In America the daughter dies, leaving behind her an infant named Nellie. As the child grows older she is torn between love for her father and love for her grandfather. In the end the two men are reconciled through her efforts.

Miss Garland portrays both roles, enacting first the young Irish mother, and later the thoroughly Americanized daughter. The songs she sings include "It's a Great Day for the Irish," "Pretty Girl Milking Her Cow," and the more modern "Singin' in the Rain."

BETTE DAVIS APPEARS IN NEW DRAMA

BETTE DAVIS is starred in the picturization of W. Somerset Maugham's greatest drama "The Letter," which is booked for current showing Sunday and Monday at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen; the Ritz Theatre in Weslaco and the Palace Theatre in McAllen.

Gripping, in the best Maugham style, the play made record runs on Broadway and on the legitimate stage throughout the world. Its powerful drama, smoothly drawn by its writer and scenarists, make a perfect vehicle for the rare talents of Miss Davis.

The featured supporting cast to Miss Davis in "The Letter" includes Herbert Marshall, Gale Sondergaard and James Stephenson.

POPULAR STARS SEEN IN NEW FILM HIT

THE SCREEN presentation of Ethel Vance's thrilling novel "Escape," starring Norma Shearer and Robert Taylor is to be seen Sunday and Monday at the Rivoli Theatre in San Benito.

The story concerns the frantic efforts of an American son to rescue his foreign born mother from a concentration camp in Germany. The screen adaptation preserves the dramatic pace of the original novel and in addition presents Taylor and Miss Shearer in performances that match in persuasive perfection and power any of their previous portrayals.

The central character, "Emmy Ritter," around whose prison predicament complications arise, is played by Nazimova with Conrad Veidt, Felix Bressart and Albert Bassermann in featured supporting roles.

"TIN PAN ALLEY" SEEN AT STATE THEATRE

AN OUTSTANDING cast of star entertainers headed by Alice Faye and Betty Grable are seen together in the spectacular musical hit "Tin Pan Alley," booked for current showing Sunday and Monday at the State Theatre in Mercedes.

Around the famous musical street in New York where most of America's hit tunes are born revolves the story of a couple of singing sisters who are part of the struggle as the street fights its way to fame in the days before World War I.

Top support in the musical film is given its blonde stars by Jack Oakie, John Payne, Allen Jenkins, Esther Ralston, Katherine Aldridge and others in the cast.



Judy Garland is seen above surrounded by three of the screen's most famous song and dance specialists, Douglas McPhail, George Murphy and Charles Winninger, as they appear in leading roles of the filmization of George M. Cohan's merry musical "Little Nellie Kelly," which is scheduled for showing Sunday and Monday at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville and Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen.

Valley Theatres Offer Christmas Gift Books

Booklets Are Ideal Christmas Gifts

With the Christmas shopping season in full swing, Interstate Theatres in the Valley come through with a novel idea for Christmas gift suggestions that promise to solve many problems for perplexed shoppers. It is the new Theatre Gift Book now on sale at box offices of Valley Interstate Theatres.

Offered for sale only after numerous requests by patrons the Theatre Gift Books contain coupons which can be exchanged at the box office for admission tickets and are valid at any Interstate Theatre in the State of Texas.

The books are available in inexpensive $1.00 and $2.50 and $5.00 denominations and as a gift spread cheer and good will throughout the year for they bring many hours of happiness and entertainment. Welcomed by everyone they are packaged in gay colored holiday envelopes ready to convey the Christmas greetings of the giver.

In other places where the Theatre Gift Books have been sold in past years they have been received enthusiastically by dpartment stores, industrial plants and hotels whose executives were in a quandary as to what to give their employees for Christmas. They have also been found to be the ideal gift for children.

ADVENTURE FILM

George Brent is co-starred with lovely Brenda Marshall in "South Of Suez" which is booked for showing Tuesday nd Wednesday at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville.

MARX BROTHERS RETURN

Groucho, Chico and Harpo Marx return to the screen with another of their laugh-laden comedy-dramas, "Go West" which is scheduled for showing Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville.

DIETRICH IN HIT PICTURE

John Wayne, Mischa Auer Featured

Starring Marlene Dietrich and featuring John Wayne, Mischa Auer, Billy Gilbert, Broderick Crawford and Albert Dekker "Seven Sinners" is scheduled for showing Tuesday and Wednesday at the Ritz Theatre in Weslaco and Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Palace Theatre in McAllen.

As a lovely cafe singer who goes laughingly from one tropical island to another, leaving romantic trouble in her wake, Miss Dietrich essays the type of role that has made her one of the all-time stars of the screen.

Wayne is seen as a young naval officer attached to an American island base, and the course of his infatuation for the beautiful and mysterious entertainer brings the story to its dramatic climax.

The film was produced by the Wizard of Universal, Joe Pasternak, who has produced all the Deanna Durbin films and the hit "Destry Rides Again," and directed by ace director, Tay Garnett.

Stage Play To Screen

Cramming an hour and a half of gay entertainment into it's bubbling length "Too Many Girls" presents movie-goers a streamlined screen version of George Abbott's famed Broadway hit of the same title at the Palace Theatre in McAllen Tuesday and Wednesday.

Lucille Ball and Richard Carlson play the leading roles and Frances Langford, Ann Miller, Hal LeRoy, Eddie Bracken and Desi Arnaz are featured in supporting roles.

STATE MERCEDES
SUNDAY—MONDAY
ALICE FAYE
Betty GRABLE
Tin Pan Alley
with
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JOHN PAYNE

RITZ WESLACO
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Bette DAVIS in THE LETTER with Herbert MARSHALL

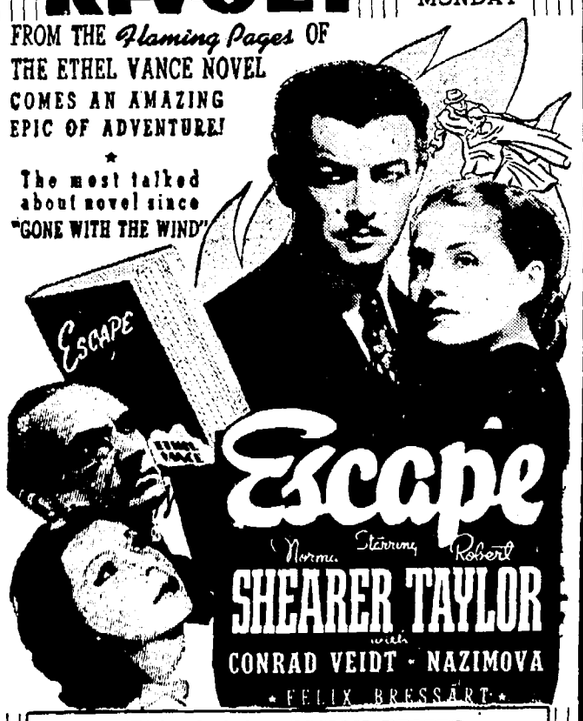
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SUNDAY ONLY
CESAR ROMERO in "THE GAY CABALLERO" with SHEILA RYAN

QUEEN BROWNSVILLE
SUNDAY ONLY
JOHNNY DOWNS in "SING, DANCE, PLENTY HOT" with RUTH TERRY

RIALTO HARLINGEN
SUNDAY ONLY
ANITA LOUISE in "GLAMOUR FOR SALE" with ROGER PRYOR

STRAND HARLINGEN
SUNDAY—MONDAY
MELVYN DOUGLAS in "THIRD FINGER, LEFT HAND" with MYRNA LOY

QUEEN McALLEN
SUNDAY ONLY
HENRY WILCOXON in "MYSTERY SEA RAIDER" with CAROLE LANDIS

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IT'S Lilting Laughing Singing time on the Bowery... with Joyous Judy and the lads "a wearin' of the green"

Little Nellie Kelly
starring
Judy GARLAND
with
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NEW SONGS and MELODIES of LONG AGO
"It's a Great Day for the Irish" - "Danny Boy" "Singing in the Rain" - "You Remind Me of My Mother" - "Pretty Girl Milking Her Cow" - "Nelly Kelly, I Love You" - "Nellie is a Darlin'"
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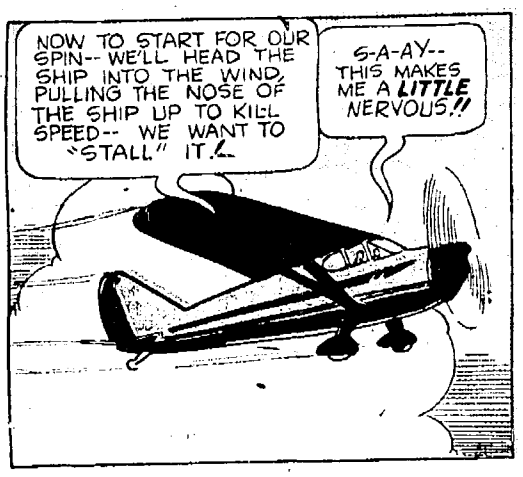
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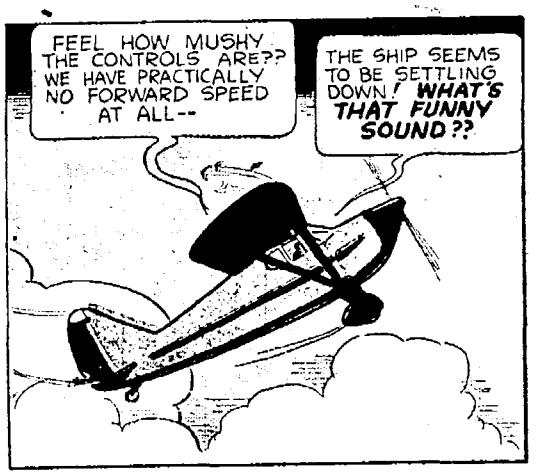


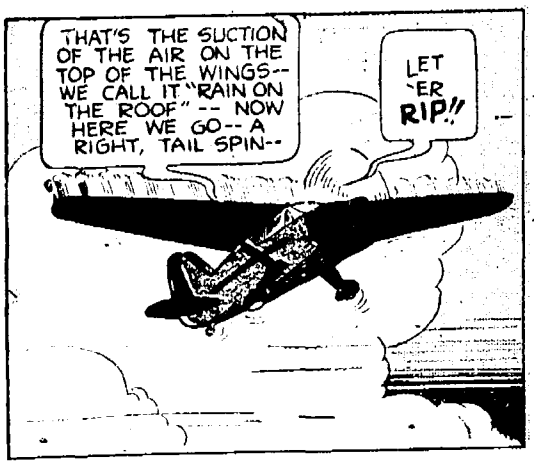


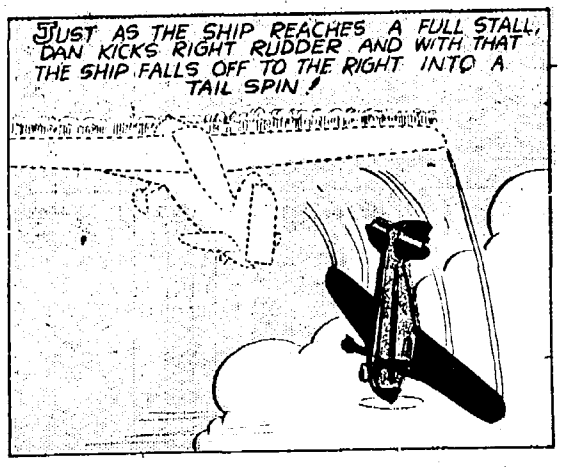


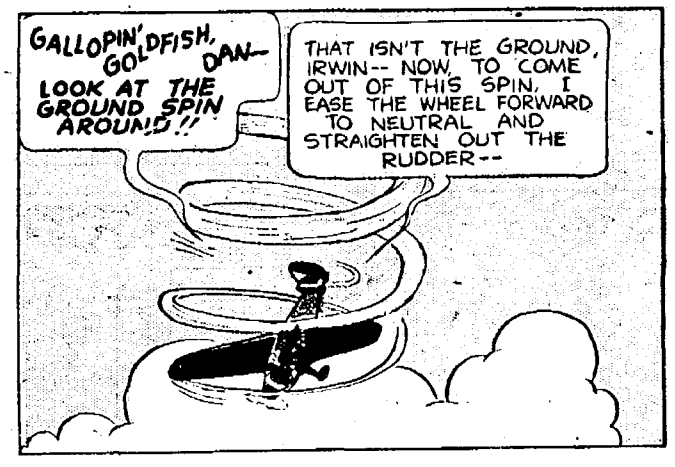


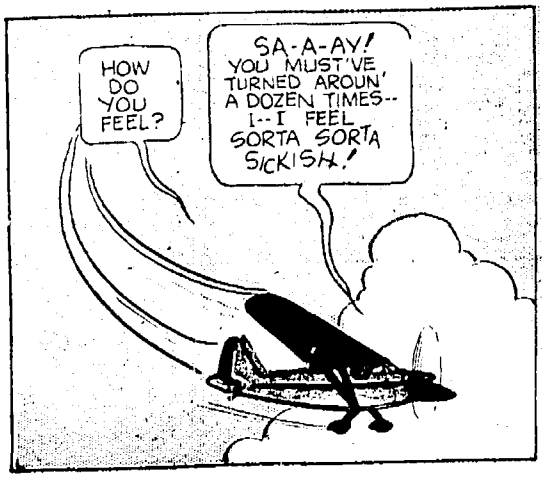






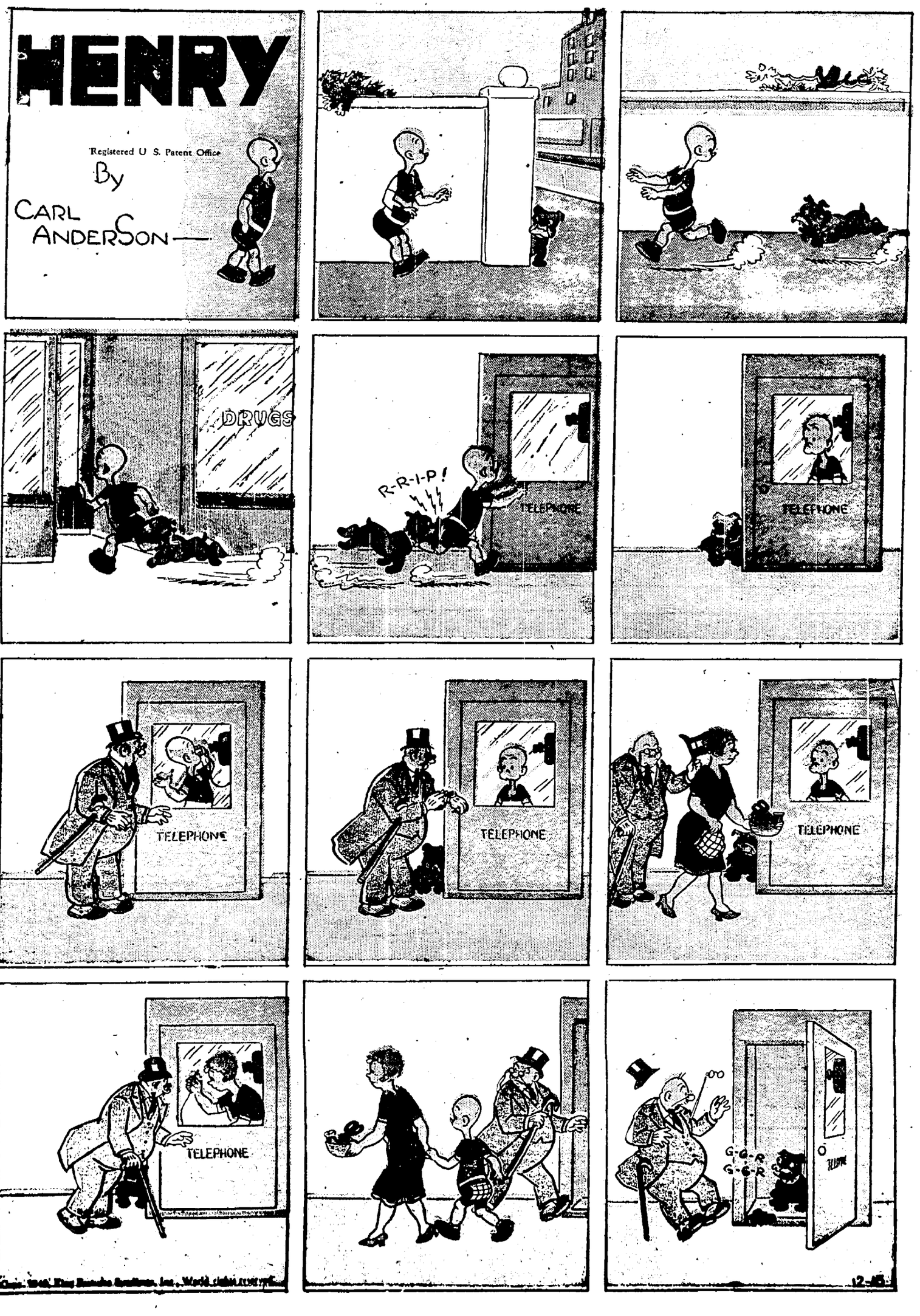











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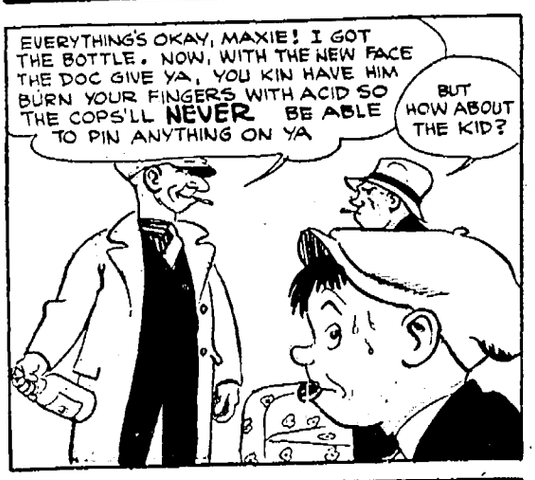


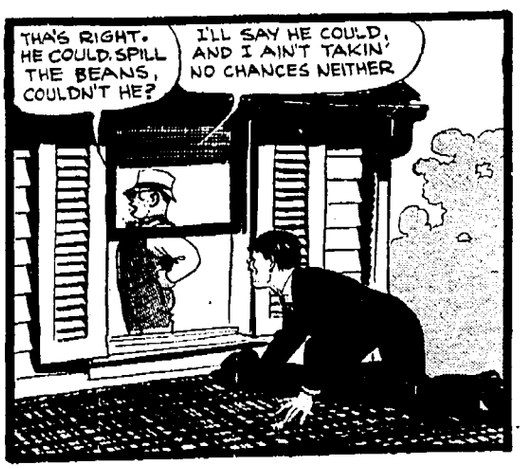




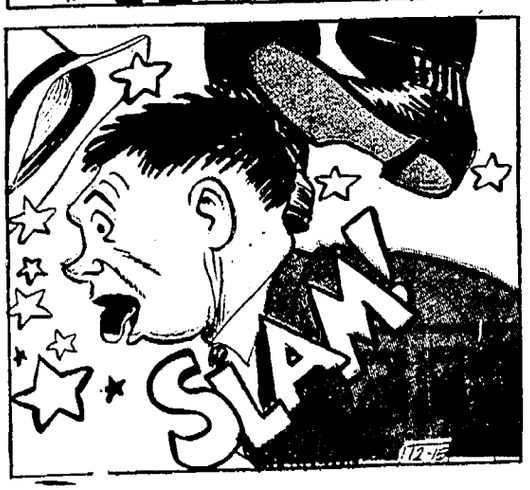




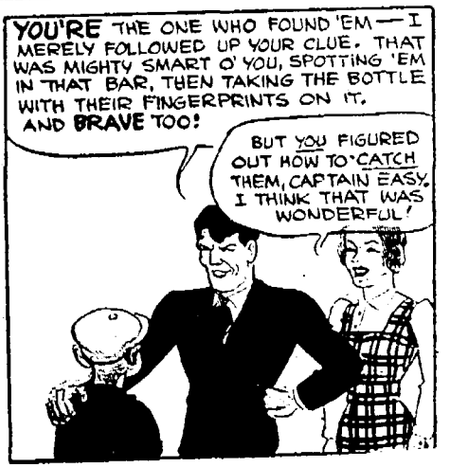












ALLEY OOP

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THIS MAGIC BELT HAS THE POWER TO GRANT ITS WEARER'S EVERY WISH
DANGED IF I CAN FIGGER HOW I EVER GOT BACK HERE IN EGYPT!
BUT I SUPPOSE IF I DON'T WANT TO STARVE, I'D BETTER HEAD FOR CLEOPATRA'S PALACE
HAVING FORGOTTEN THE WORDS OF THE MAGIC BELT'S FORMER OWNER, ALLEY OOP IS HAVING HIMSELF QUITE A TIME IN ANCIENT EGYPT
T. M. REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

2
AN' HERE I AM AT TH' NILE AGAIN... HMM. WITH ALL THIS TIN I GOT HANGIN' ON ME, IT AIN'T GONNA BE ANY CINCH TO SWIM IT!

3
GOSH, LOOKIT THAT FELLER SKIMMIN' ACROSS! ZIP-- JUS' LIKE THAT! I **WISH** I COULD FLY LIKE A BIRD

4
WELL, FER...!

5
MY GOSH, NOW I **AM** UP IN THE AIR!

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SPLASH
V. T. Hamlin 12-15

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FOOZY'S FOOLOSOPHIES

THERE'S NO SECRET ROAD TO SUCCESS, YOU C' BET; BUT LET'S SEE GET THERE IF YOU -ERGIC TO SWEAT

THE WEATHER THIS WEEK... SHOULD BRING OUT A HOST OF BELL RING-ING SANTAS..

Give the Family a Treat. Take a Quart Home

KREE MEE ICE CREAM

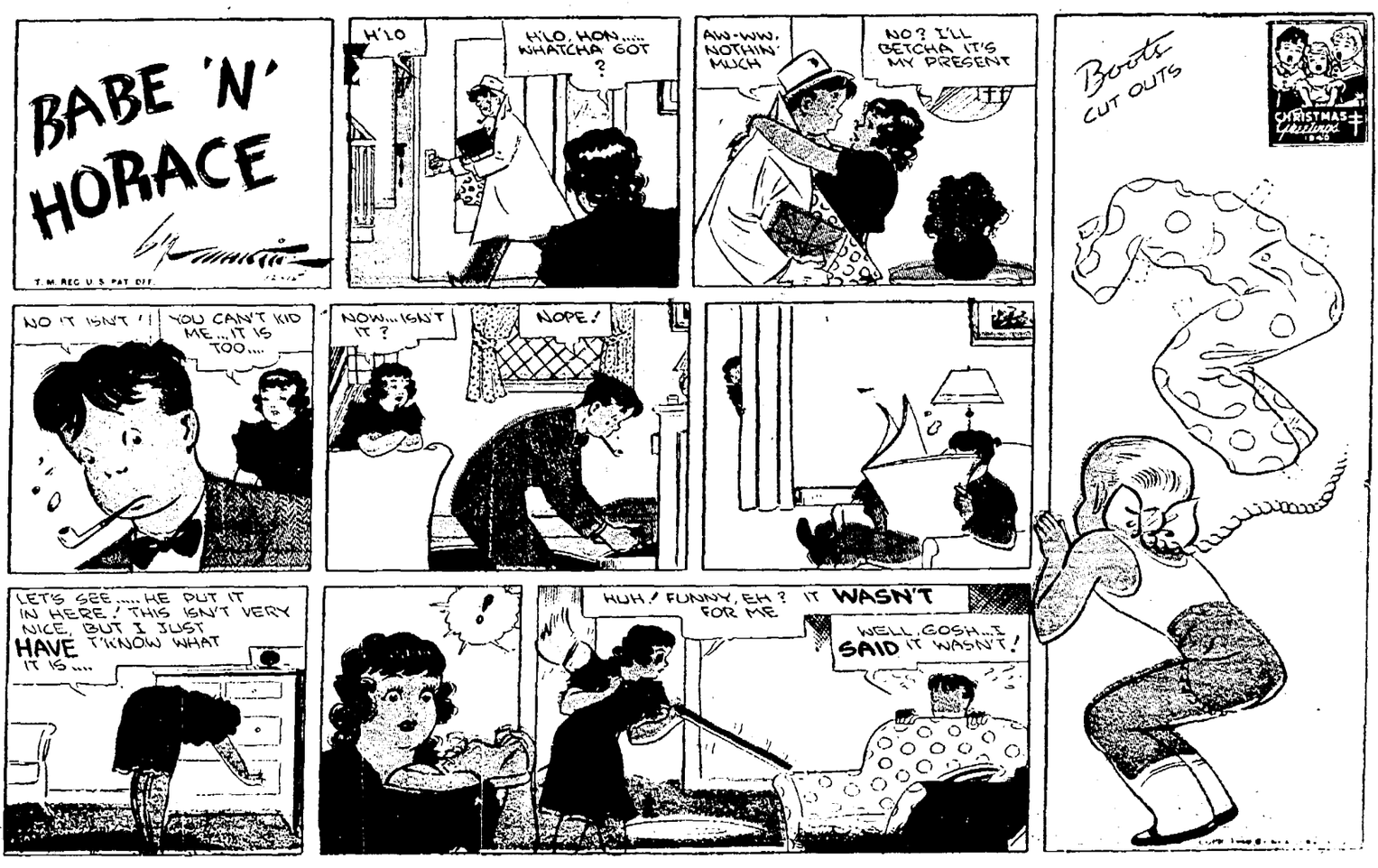
IT'S DELICIOUS — IT'S DELIGHTFUL

Make Your Party a Success. Serve temptingly flavored Kree Mee

BOOTS



BABE 'N' HORACE



Boots CUT OUTS

KREE MEE Your children will always ask for KREE Mee ICE CREAM and they can't get too much for their active, healthful young bodies. KREE MEE DOUBLE DIP CONES or 4c BUCKETS will please them. **Double Dip Cones**

Don Winslow of the NAVY

by FRANK V. MARTINEK

U.S.S. WINSLOW

A PILOT OF THE INVADING BOMBERS HAS BEEN BLOWN TO BITS IN MID-AIR BY THE PANAMA CANAL'S CONCEALED SKY-GUNS! THAT ONE CRASHES TO EARTH WITH ITS BOMB-LOAD.

WHEW! JUST MISSED THE MIRAFLORES LOCKS BY A HAIR!

LOOK! ONE OF THE ENEMY CREW MANAGED TO BAIL OUT!

SWELL! AN ENEMY SURVIVOR!

MEN, WE'VE REALLY GOT SOMETHING!

GROGGY BUT UNSCRATCHED BY GEORGE! NOW WE MAY FIND OUT WHERE THESE DEVILS CAME FROM!

WHILE A HUNDRED MILES AWAY AT THE ENEMY'S UNDERGROUND AIRDROME!

GENERAL! A NEWS FLASH FROM PANAMA! OUR ATTACK FAILED!

THEN WE ARE ON THE SPOT!

IF EVEN ONE OF OUR AIRMEN HAS BEEN TAKEN PRISONER HE MAY WEAKEN AND BETRAY US! YOU SEE WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

AN AMERICAN AIR RAID ON THIS SPOT!

EXACTLY! BUT I HAVE PREPARED FOR SUCH A POSSIBILITY! YOU WILL SEE HOW!

WINSLOWGRAM NO. 249

"KNOW YOUR NAVY"

BEGINNING A STAMP SERIES

OUR NAVY'S NEWEST PLANES AND SHIPS NOW ON DISPLAY

A NEW NAVY FIGHTER PURSUIT PLANE FOR DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT

WINSLOW STAMP

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BOS'N HAL, Sea Scout -:- Wake Up! -:- By FRANK V. MARTINEK

BOS'N HAL AND HIS COMPANIONS HAVE MET A TERRIBLE FATE. THE STRANGE LAND OF THEIR RECENT ADVENTURES HAS TURNED OUT TO BE A HUGE VOLCANIC ISLAND. NOW IN A SERIES OF VIOLENT EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IT HAS FINALLY SUNK BENEATH THEM INTO THE VAST OCEAN.

I'VE GONE UNDER! I'LL HOLD MY BREATH AS LONG AS I CAN!!

UGH! THERE GOES THE LAST WIND OUT OF ME!!

BUMP

WH-WHY, THAT'S QUEER! I CAN BREATHE UNDER WATER!!

HELLO! ARE YOU FOLKS ALL RIGHT TOO? HOW DO WE DO IT?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, HAL?

WHY, GEE! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND, MISTER HORN? WE MUST BE ALL DROWNED AND YET

I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM, DOCTOR!

WH-WHO IS THIS?

THE SHIP'S SURGEON, HAL. YOU'RE SAFE NOW ABOARD THE BRAZILIAN CRUISER.

DON'T YOU REMEMBER? YOU WERE A PRISONER ABOARD THE SHIP OF CAPTAIN HAWK, THE PIRATE. IN THE BATTLE YOU WENT OVERBOARD—

SURE, BUT THAT HAPPENED MONTHS AGO!

NO! REALLY [illegible] HOURS. YOU WERE [illegible] JUST IN TIME BY THIS BIG BRAZILIAN SAILOR—

RIP!!

NO! I SEE NOW—HE ONLY LOOKS LIKE OLD RIP, AND THAT STARTED ME OFF ON THE STRANGEST DREAM!!

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TOONERVILLE FOLKS

"TOMBOY" TAYLOR

BY FONTAINE FOX

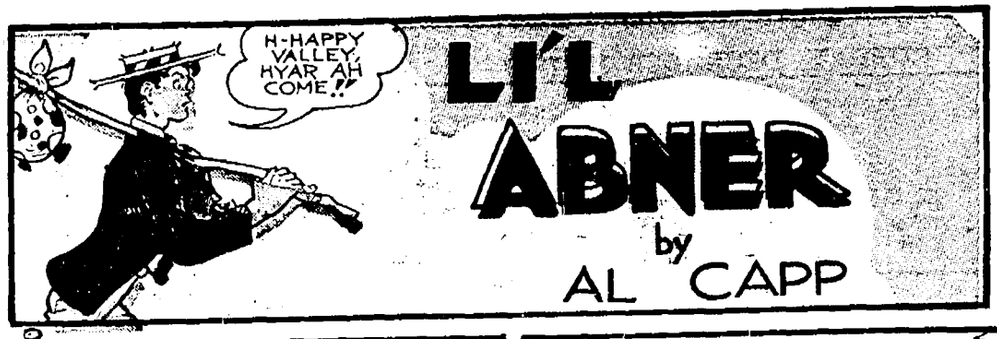
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You "Aint" Tasted Nothing Till You've Enjoyed a **KREE MEE** THICK MALTED **MILK**

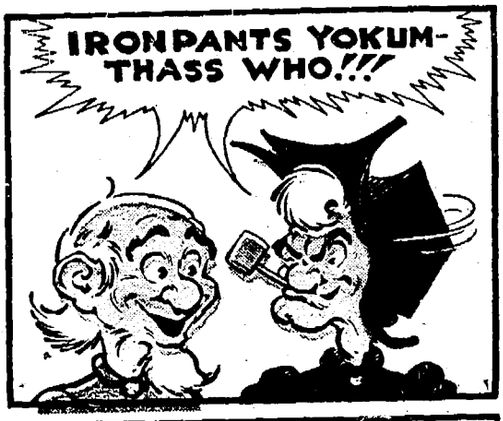
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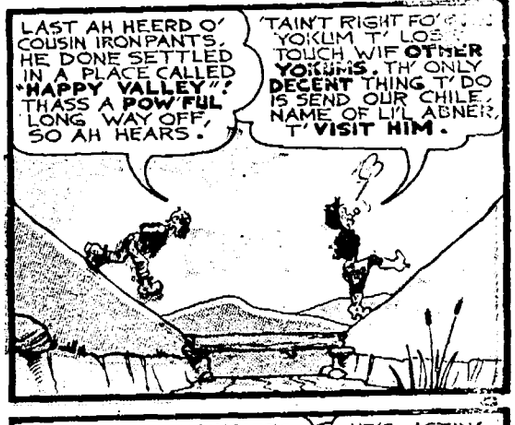
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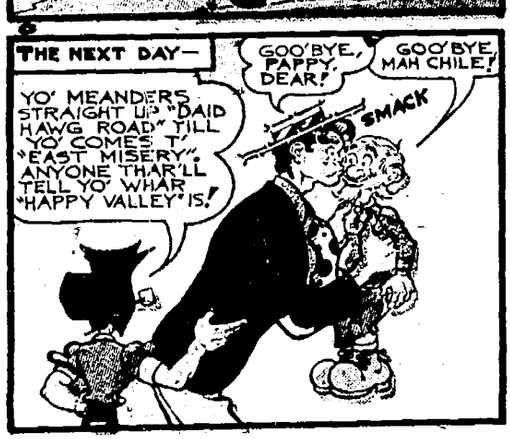








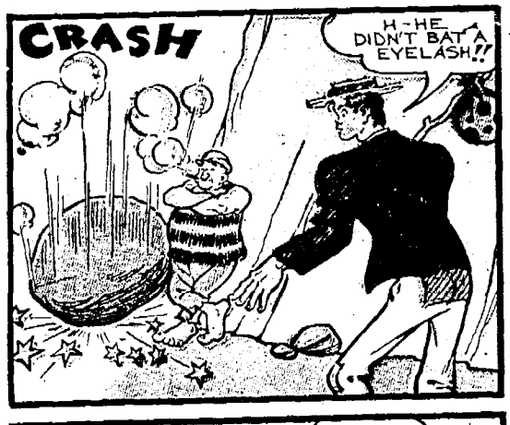
















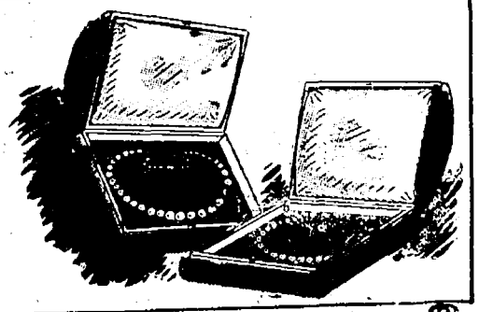






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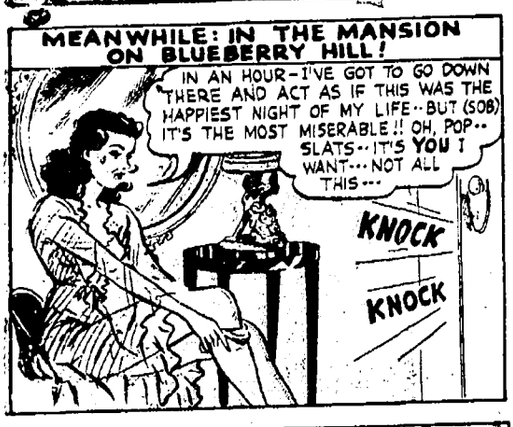
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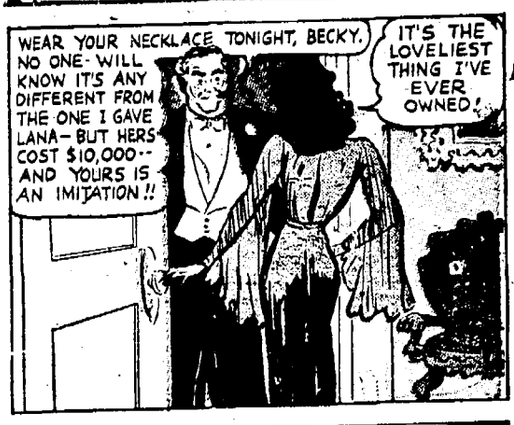




























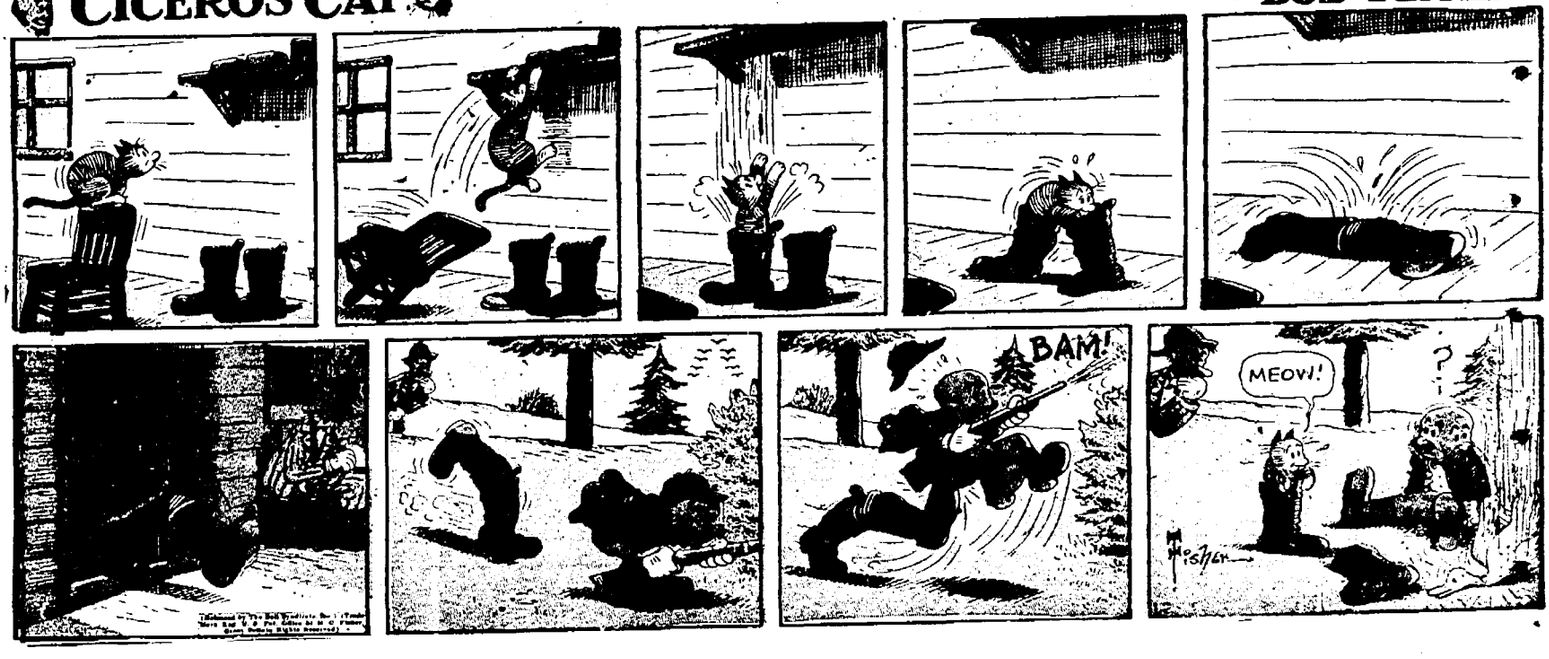
MUTT & JEFF

By BUD FISHER



CICERO'S CAT

By BUD FISHER



Any youngster — up to 80 years will enjoy the cooling delicious flavor of —

KREE MEE JUMBO CONES

And for a larger order ask for a BUCKET of KREE-MEE. Delicious. Refreshing.

FLYIN' JENNY

BY- RUSSELL LEATHERS

CYRIL, ADMIRING A SKILLFUL DEMONSTRATION OF AERIAL ACROBATICS, APPROACHES THE "HE-MAN" PILOT AFTER LANDING.

GO AHEAD, MAMA! STEP UP AN' MAKE TH' GUY AN OFFER! GIVE HIM TH' JOB OF FLYIN' MY NEW AIRPLANE!

I'M AFRAID THERE'S A SLIGHT MISUNDERSTANDING, CYRIL!

IT-IT'S A GIRL! J-J-JENNY DARE!

OH, NO, CYRIL! DON'T RUN AWAY! I THINK YOU'VE MADE A SPLENDID CHOICE--

NO GIRL IS GONNA FLY MY SHIP!

PAY NO ATTENTION TO HIM. THIS IS ONE TIME I'M HAVING MY WAY! -- THAT STUNT FLYING CONVINCED ME YOU'RE A WONDERFUL PILOT!

THEN I'M HIRED?

MEANWHILE, RICK-LEAVING THE HOSPITAL--

THANKS, FELLOW! --HAVEN'T MUCH SENSE OF BALANCE! CAN'T WALK WITHOUT REELING AND FALLING

AERO CAB

UO.468

HAPPY LANDINGS! I'VE GOT A JOB! CYRIL DOESN'T LIKE ME--BUT I'LL WIN HIM OVER! NOW I CAN HELP RICK! I'LL GET A SPECIALIST--

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YES! I'M POSITIVE! MR. DAVIS LEFT THE HOSPITAL ONLY A SHORT WHILE AGO!

HE SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT! HE NEEDS THE CARE AND TREATMENT-DID HE LEAVE AN ADDRESS?

INFORMATION

JENNY'S STYLE SHOW

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THE COMIC ZOO

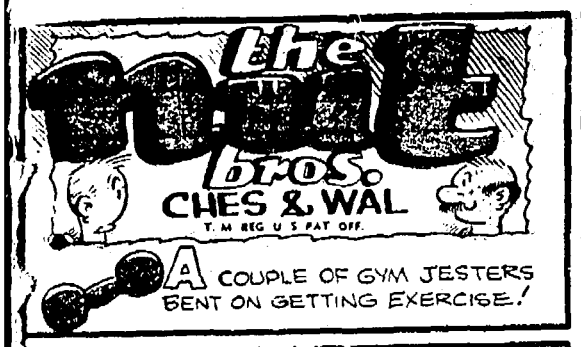
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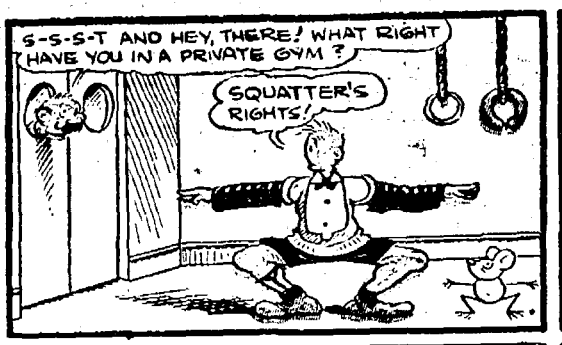


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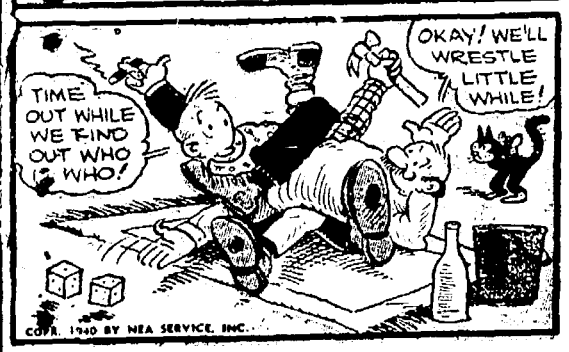
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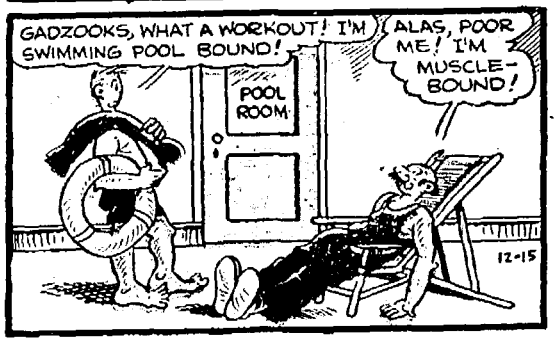
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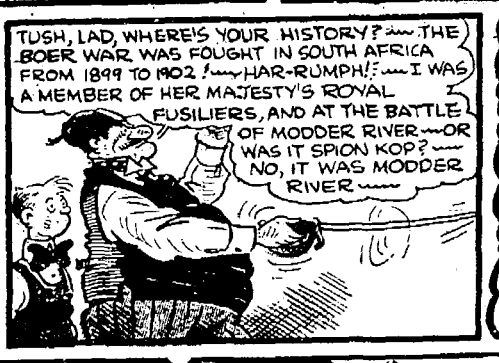
OUR BOARDING HOUSE



MAJOR HOOPLE

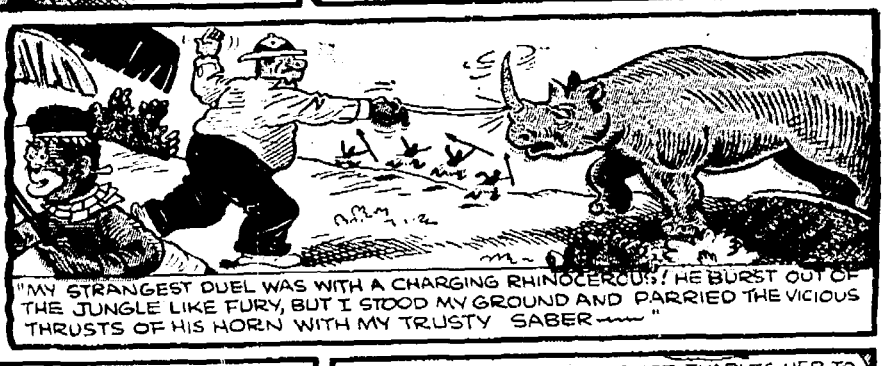






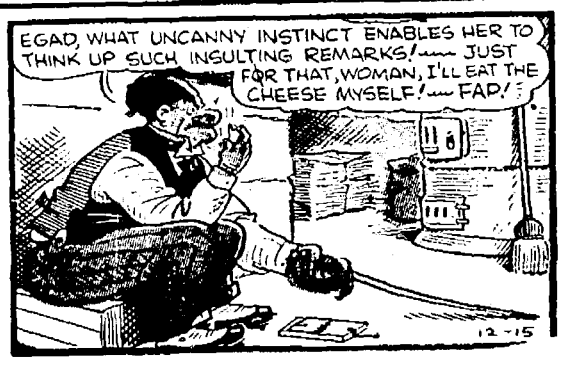












KREE MEE

KREE MEE BUTTER is made from the best butter cream available in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Its goodness is apparent the moment you open the carton. Ask for it by name.

FINE BUTTER

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

IF IT WERE POSSIBLE FOR US TO EXIST ON A *WATERLESS* EARTH, SUCH AS THE MOON, WE'D NOT FIND IT ENTIRELY LACKING IN FAVORABLE FEATURES.

by WILLIAM FERGUSON

SUBMARINES WOULD SINK. NO SHIPS BECAUSE THERE'D BE NO SHIPS TO SINK.

MOSQUITOES WOULD NEVER BOTHER US.

WE'D NEVER SLIP AND FALL IN THE BATH TUB...

RAIN CHECKS WOULD BE UNNECESSARY.

WE'D HAVE NO SNOW TO SHOVEL, AND NO ICE ON OUR SIDEWALKS.

THERE'D BE NO DRIPPING FAUCETS.

PLINK PLINK PLINK

OHH!

SEA SICKNESS WOULD BE AN UNKNOWN MISERY.

AND OUR GOLF COURSES WOULD HAVE NO WATER HAZARDS.

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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

by Blosser

SIXTEENTH FLOOR, PLEASE!

THIS BUILDING HAS ONLY EIGHT FLOORS!

WELL, DO YOU KNOW WHERE I COULD FIND ONE WITH SIXTEEN?

YES...GO TO BECK'S DEPARTMENT STORE.

OKAY, BUB...DIS IS SIXTEEN! FURNITURE AN' DRAPERIES.

TAKE ME DOWN NINE FLOORS, PLEASE!

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE CARPETS DRAPERIES LAWN FURNITURE GARDEN

DIS IS THE SEVENTH FLOOR!

WOULD YOU MIND TAKING ME UP FOUR FLOORS?

WHY DON'T YOU MAKE UP YO' MIND? NOW GIT OUT!!

I WILL IF YOU'LL JUST GO BACK DOWN EIGHT FLOORS!

WHAT FLOOR ARE WE ON NOW? JUST TO MAKE SURE!

YO HEARD ME! DOES AH HAVE TO REPEAT MAHSELF AGIN? NOW SCRAM!!

RECESS IS NEARLY OVER! YOU WERE ALMOST LATE... WHERE WERE YOU, TAG?

HUH! I SHOULD TELL YOU!!

IF A MAN GETS ON AN ELEVATOR AND GOE'S TO THE 16TH FLOOR THEN DOWN NINE----

---UP FOUR AND DOWN EIGHT, WHAT FLOOR WOULD HE BE ON?

STOVES, LINOLEUM, HAMMOCKS, FISHING TACKLE AND LADIES' WASHABLES!!

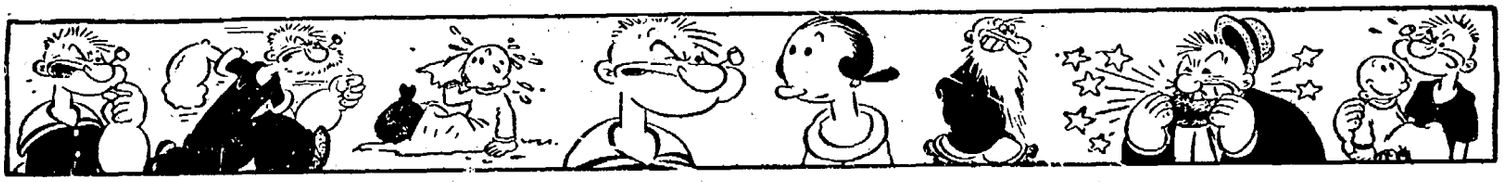
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FAMILY

POUND OF STEAK? YES, SIR! FOR FOOD, OR **MEDICAL** USE?

AN' I SAY SUNNY'S GOIN' FER A WALK WITH ME, HER UNCLE!

PISH TUSH! YOU'D PROBABLY TAKE THE CHILD TO A POOL ROOM!

HERE! IF YOU TWO DUNCES ARE GOING TO QUARREL OVER THAT CHILD, SUPPOSE YOU **BOTH** LOOK AFTER HER WHILE I GO TO THE STORE!

..AND I MEAN, **REALLY** LOOK AFTER HER!

THAT'S OKAY, GRAMPAW BRAMBLE! IT'LL GIVE US A CHANCT TO TALK OVER WHAT WE WANTA GIT MARY FER **CHRISTMAS**!

GOT ANY IDEAS, BIFF? ..NOT, THAT YOUR BEFOGGED BRAIN **COULD** BRING FORTH A FRUITFUL SUGGESTION!

IGNORIN' TH' INSULT, YOU OLD SHEEP DOG, I FIGGERED ON A **RADIO**, FER HER ROOM!

FIDDLE FADDLE! SHE CAN LISTEN TO THE ONE DOWNSTAIRS!

BUT SHE **MIGHT** WANTA TAKE SETTIN' UP EXERCISES!..I DO, EVERY MORNING!

AND A FINE EXAMPLE OF PHYSICAL FITNESS YOU ARE! YOU COULDN'T **BREAK A CRACKER** WITHOUT STRAINING YOUR BACK!

OH, YEAH? I CAN PUT **YOU** DOWN WITH ONE HAND BEHIND ME!

HA! THE TYRO BOASTS TO THE OLD MASTER, EH? CHOOSE YOUR HOLD, SIR!

SUNNY WHERE ARE THOSE MEN?

UPSTAIRS..ACTIN' SILLY, GRAN'MA!

BILL! GRANDPA BRAMBLE! WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU UP TO?

ER.. WE.. WAS.... JIST DECIDIN' WHAT WE'D BUY YA FER CHRISTMAS!

WE'RE GONNA GIVE YA A SOLID WALNUT **DRESSIN' TABLE** WITH MIRRORS ALL AROUND!

BUT.. I'VE ALREADY **GOT** ONE!

NO Y'AIN'T! GRAMPAW AN' ME.. WE JIST **WRECKED** IT!

-DALE